COHASSET
TOWN REPORT

1917

One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1917-18

Town Clerk

HARRY F. TILDEN . . . Term expires March, 1920

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

HARRY E. MAPES . . . Term expires March, 1919
HERBERT L. BROWN . . Term expires March, 1918
DARIUS W. GILBERT . . Term expires March, 1920

Treasurer and Collector

NEWCOMB B. TOWER

Highway Surveyor

GEORGE JASON

Constables

SIDNEY L. BEAL — JOHN T. KEATING
HENRY E. BRENNOCK — LOUIS J. MORRIS
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH

Tree Warden

GEORGE YOUNG

School Committee

GEORGE JASON, JR. . . Term expires March, 1918
SHELDON N. RIPLEY . . Term expires March, 1918
THOMAS A. STEVENS . . Term expires March, 1919
DEAN K. JAMES . . . Term expires March, 1919
ANSELM L. BEAL . . . Term expires March, 1920
GILBERT S. TOWER . . Term expires March, 1920

Board of Health

IRVING F. SYLVESTER . . Term expires March, 1920
WARREN F. SNOW . . . Term expires March, 1918
DR. GEORGE OSGOOD . . Term expires March, 1919
FREDERICK HINCHLIFFE . Term expires March, 1919

Town Officers Appointed by Selectmen.

Field Drivers

HARRY C. BATES — JOHN KENNEDY
IRA BATES — EZEKIEL L. JAMES

Fence Viewers

EDWIN W. BATES — THOMAS A. ROCHE
GEORGE JASON

Public Weighers and Weighers of Coal

GEORGE P. TOWER — WALTER C. WHEELWRIGHT
MARY P. TOWER — GERTRUDE C. LOCKE
JOSEPH A. VALINE — NEWCOMB B. TOWER

Public Weighers

HERBERT L. BROWN — E. HAROLD BROWN
DAVID W. HOMER

Pound Keeper

JAMES H. PINKHAM

Auctioneers

GEORGE F. SARGENT, JR. — AUGUST F. B. PETERSEN
JOSEPH E. GRASSIE — EDWARD E. WENTWORTH
THOMAS L. BATES — WILLIAM O. SOUTHER, JR.

Measurers of Wood and Bark

EZEKIEL L. JAMES — ELMER E. BATES
FRANKLIN BEAL — ARTHUR O. HIGGINS

Surveyors of Lumber

JOSEPH A. VALINE — ARTHUR O. HIGGINS

Harbor Master

MANUEL S. ENOS

Assistant Harbor Master
JOHN W. BRENNOCK

Inspector of Wires
GEORGE JASON, JR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures
CALEB NICHOLS

Chief of Police
THOMAS L. BATES

Police Officer
FRANK JASON

Special Police Officers

*JOHN FLEMMING	JOHN T. KEATING
HERBERT W. APTS	THOMAS J. AYERS

Inspector of Animals
DARIUS W. GILBERT, V.S.

Forest Warden
WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK

Superintendent of Moth Work
GEORGE YOUNG

Burial Agent
THOMAS L. BATES

Registrars of Voters

THOMAS W. DOYLE . .	Term expires May, 1920
HENRY E. SWEENEY . .	Term expires May, 1918
BARTHOLOMEW DALEY .	Term expires May, 1919

HARRY F. TILDEN, *ex-officio Clerk of Board*

* To serve without pay from town.

Town Accountant

EDWARD L. STEVENS . Term expires March, 1920

Board of Fire Engineers

HENRY E. BRENNOCK GEORGE JASON
THOMAS A. ROCHE GEORGE F. SARGENT, JR.
SIDNEY L. BEAL

Town Physician

DR. FREDERICK HINCHLIFFE

Deputy Game and Game Warden

JOHN F. SMITH

Appointments by Board of Health.

Inspector of Slaughtering

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V.S.

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V.S.

Undertaker

WARREN F. SNOW

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TOWN RECORDS

Annual Town Meeting, March 5, 1917

At the Annual Town Election held March 5, 1917, the following vote was cast:

Article 1. Harry E. Mapes chosen moderator.

Article 2. Seven hundred and sixteen ballots were cast of which eighty were for School Committee only, as follows:

Town Clerk for three years

Harry F. Tilden	405
Blanks	231

Selectmen for three years

Darius W. Gilbert	250
Joseph E. Grassie	174
William O. Souther, Jr	200
Blanks	12

Assessor for three years

Darius W. Gilbert	247
Joseph E. Grassie	162
William O. Souther, Jr	201
Blanks	26

Overseer of Poor for three years

Darius W. Gilbert	248
Joseph E. Grassie	169
William O. Souther, Jr	201
Blanks	18

Treasurer

Newcomb B. Tower	491
Blanks	145

Collector of Taxes

Paul J. Bates	283
Newcomb B. Tower	333
Blanks	20

Highway Surveyor

George Jason	347
Frank W. Wheelwright	273
Blanks	16

Two members of School Committee for three years

Anselm L. Beal	419
Gilbert S. Tower	284
Evan P. Wentworth	282
Blanks	447

One member of School Committee for two years

Alexander S. Hiltz	213
Dean K. James	291
Blanks	212

Constables

Frank J. Antoine	270
Sidney L. Beal	303
Henry E. Brennock	288
John T. Keating	360
Louis J. Morris	320
Harry A. Pattison	183
John F. Smith	144
Edward E. Wentworth	279
Scattering	2
Blanks	1052

Tree Warden

William H. McArthur	230
George Young	357
Blanks	49

Trustees of Cohasset Free Public Library

Edith M. Bates	388
Martha P. Howe	349
Oliver H. Howe	365
Scattering	4
Blanks	802

Board of Health for three years

Frank J. Salvador	221
Irving F. Sylvester	355
Blanks	60

License Question

Yes	252
No	322
Blanks	62

Cohasset, March 12, 1917.

At an adjourned meeting held this day the several articles were acted upon as follows:

Voted: That the following resolution be adopted.

"*Whereas* the German Imperial Government has, as the President said, forbidden to our people the exercise 'of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas,' and

"*Whereas* in consequence the President of the United States has severed diplomatic relations with Germany,

"*Be it Resolved* by the citizens of Cohasset in Town Meeting assembled this twelfth day of March, 1917,

"*First*, That they commend the President for his uncompromising stand in severing diplomatic relations;

"*Second*, That they rely upon the President to protect American citizens and American ships in their acknowledged rights on the high seas;

"*Third*, That they urge upon the President the necessity of making immediate preparations against the contingencies of war;

"*Fourth*, That while they desire peace, they desire peace only with honor, and call upon the President to regain at this time the honor of the American people."

Article 3. To choose all Town Officers not required to be elected by ballot.

Voted: That they be appointed by Selectmen.

Article 4. To act upon the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Accountant, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector and Treasurer, Treasurer of the Public Library, Di-

rectors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Board of Fire Engineers, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Wires, Selectmen on Guideboards, and School Committee.

Voted: That all of the above reports as printed in *Town Report* be accepted.

Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Article 5.	Town Officers	$5,400.00
Article 6.	Law — legal counsel	300.00
Article 7.	Engineering maintenance	300.00
Article 8.	Town Hall ($675 of this amount for new furniture and file for Selectmen's room)	1,775.00
Article 9.	Printing	800.00
Article 10.	Water for hydrants and public buildings (to include new hydrant on Pleasant Street)	4,650.00
Article 11.	Police Department	4,250.00
Article 12.	Fire Department (to include painting, shingling roof and installing toilets at Hose 1 and Hook and Ladder 1 buildings)	4,500.00
Article 13.	Forest fires	500.00
Article 14.	Moth suppression	4,202.08
Article 15.	Tree Warden	800.00
Article 16.	Sealer of Weights and Measures	200.00
Article 17.	Inspector of Wires	500.00
Article 18.	Board of Health	1,464.00
Article 19.	Straits Pond, Cat Dam, etc	1,000.00
Article 20.	Inspection of animals	125.00
Article 21.	Highways, including oiling streets	22,000.00
Article 22.	Removing snow	2,000.00
Article 23.	Electric street lights	6,950.00
Article 24.	Fore River Bridge	270.00
Article 25.	Harbor maintenance	600.00
Article 26.	Charities — Cohasset Home, outside poor and general administration	8,600.00
Article 27.	Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	850.00

Article 28.	State and Military Aid	$200.00
Article 29.	Education, including transportation of scholars	37,525.00
Article 30.	Libraries	2,250.00
Article 31.	Town commons	900.00
Article 32.	Memorial Day	350.00
Article 33.	Incidentals (including unclassified, etc.)	2,750.00
Article 34.	Interest	1,800.00
Article 35.	Bonded debt	8,000.00

Article 36. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of taxes of the current year to be paid as soon as money sufficient for the purpose is received?

Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt of debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 37. In what manner will the Town collect the taxes and at what time shall they be paid into the Treasury?

Voted: That the taxes assessed for the current year shall be due and payable on the first day of September next; and on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the first day of September to date of payment shall be added. The interest accruing under this vote shall be added to, and be a part of such taxes.

Article 38. What compensation will the Town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted: That $800 be appropriated for above purpose.

Article 39. To hear the report of any committee heretofore chosen or appointed and act thereon.

Voted: That the following report of the committee on new location for Fire Department building at Beechwood be accepted.

" Your committee met and organized, and have given the

question careful consideration. They find it is impossible to obtain a suitable location for the building, even though it be advisable to move the same. We therefore recommend that this matter be indefinitely postponed."

Article 40. To see if the Town will pay an annuity of $300 to Philander Bates so long as he lives.

Voted in the affirmative by a unanimous vote.

Article 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1000 to continue the survey of the Town for tax assessors' purposes.

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $600 to widen and construct that portion of Pleasant Street opposite the premises of Leori Sessions, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted: That $600 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 43. William R. Cole and others: Will the Town vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of Section 336 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws relative to the election of a Highway Surveyor, said provision having been accepted at a special meeting held April 10, 1908, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the negative.

Article 44. Oliver H. Howe and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $5000 for the purpose of resurfacing Jerusalem Road, beginning at Marsh's Corner and extending toward West's Corner, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That a committee of three citizens be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and consider the question of the betterment, improvement, repair or permanent layout of Jerusalem Road and to confer with any public authorities of the Town, County or State, relative thereto; that one member of said committee shall be the present Highway Surveyor of Cohasset and that another member shall be a member of the present Board of Selectmen; that said committee shall immediately organize and shall report at a special Town Meeting as soon as practicable; and that the sum of $50 be raised and

appropriated for necessary expenses incurred by said committee. George Jason, Darius W. Gilbert and Walter Shuebruk were appointed as committee.

Article 45. Will the Town instruct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a woman visitor or a district nurse at an annual expense of $300, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That $300 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Article 46. To see if the Town will make Brook Street a one-way street for vehicles, having the entrance at South Main Street.

Voted: To recommend to the Selectmen that they make Brook Street a one-way street.

Article 47. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1500 to repair the planking and timbers of Cunningham's Bridge, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 48. George Jason and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $650 to purchase a scarifier, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 49. Frank B. McAllister and others: Will the Town vote to change the present order of its two annual meetings, making the meeting for the transaction of business precede that for the election of officers?

Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 50. Stanley C. Lary and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate $200 for the support of athletic activities in the schools, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the affirmative.

Article 51. Philip E. Sullivan and others: Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to petition the Harbor and Land Commissioners for a permit to build a wall from the culvert at Cove Bridge around the property of the Town where the fire houses are located?

Voted in the negative.

Article 52. Philip E. Sullivan and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a wall from the culvert at Cove Bridge around the property of the Town where

the fire houses are located, or act on anything in relation thereto?

Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 53. Henry M. Ahearn and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money for the celebration of Independence Day and Cohasset Day, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 54. Joseph E. Grassie and others: Will the Town vote to pay Town laborers 35 cents an hour, 60 cents an hour for one man, one horse and team, and 85 cents an hour for one man, two horses and team, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That the standard rate of pay be as above.

Article 55. Henry B. Kimball and others: Will the Town take any action in regard to the protection of the public rights at Hominy Point, in the matter of the petition of Lewis A. Crossett now pending in the Land Court, as to the employment of additional counsel and the choosing of a committee, or act on anything in relation thereto?

Voted: That a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair composed of Henry B. Kimball and six other citizens to continue search of records for right of Town to title at Hominy Point, and to protect rights of Town. Committee appointed by the Moderator: Henry B. Kimball, chairman, Walter Shuebruk, Joseph D. Hutchinson, Henry E. Brennock, Edward L. Stevens, Cornelius Murphy, Levi Cadose.

Article 56. E. P. Collier and others: Will the Town convey to E. P. Collier a certain lot of land on Highland Avenue, lying between the land constituting his house lot and the lot conveyed by the Town to William Stetson about 1826, and now owned by E. P. Collier?

Voted: That this matter be left to the discretion of Selectmen.

Article 57. Charles W. Gammons and others: To see if the Town will amend its By-Laws by adopting the following article:

Article 4 — *Finance Committee*

Section 1. At the next Annual Town Meeting after the adoption of these By-Laws there shall be elected a Committee on Finance to consist of seven members, no one of whom shall hold any elective town office to serve for the following terms:

Two for one year, two for two years, and three for three years, who shall serve without pay, and there shall be elected thereto at each subsequent Annual Town Meeting two, two and three members, as their terms shall respectively expire. The term of office of members of the committee so elected at such subsequent Town Meetings shall be three years.

Section 2. The terms of members of said committee shall expire at the close of the Town Meeting at which their successors are elected. Said Finance Committee shall after the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting organize by the choice of a Chairman and a Secretary, and shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall request each of the various boards and officers having in charge the expenditure of money to lay before their committee on or before the 31st day of January in each year an estimate of the appropriation necessary to be made for their respective departments, and said committee shall request these various boards and officers to appear before them at such times and places as said committee may appoint for conference upon such appropriations.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen within three days after drawing a Town Warrant to transmit copies of the same to the Finance Committee, and said committee shall consider all articles under which an appropriation of money may be made. A hearing shall be given upon all articles to the person or persons whose names appear attached to the same and they shall be notified of the time and place of hearing thereon.

Section 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the committee by resignation, failing to qualify or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the committee, and if any member absents himself from five consecutive meetings such member shall be dropped and the vacancy filled. The term of all persons elected to fill vacancies shall expire at the close of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recomendations for the municipal appropriations in the various departments for the ensuing year, to be printed with the annual reports of the other Town officers.

Voted: That the Town amend its By-Laws by adopting the above article.

Voted: That Articles 58 to 68 inclusive, be left to the Selectmen.

Article 58. Levi T. Lincoln and others: Will the Town vote to place an electric light on pole opposite residence of Rufus A. Bates on Beechwood Street?

Article 59. Paul J. Bates and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place and maintain an electric light at the junction of North Main Street and Highland Avenue crossroad near St. John's block?

Article 60. George Jason, Jr., and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install and maintain a street light at or near the residence of Hudson Ellsworth on Norfolk Road?

Article 61. George F. Sargent, Jr., and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $45 for the purpose of placing three electric lights on Beechwood Street; one near the double bridge west of the residence of the late Aaron Pratt, one opposite the granite quarry and one near the foot of the hill west of the residence of J. W. Whitcomb?

Article 62. Warren F. Snow and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place and maintain an electric light on James' Lane near house occupied by William Tilden?

Article 63. Samuel N. Thayer and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $15 for the purpose of placing an electric light opposite the residence of Samuel N. Thayer?

Article 64. Arthur O. Higgins and others: Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to install and maintain a 60-candle-power electric street light on private way known as " Higgins Court " off Margin Street?

Article 65. Henry E. Sweeney and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $60 for the installation and maintenance of four electric lights on Bow Street, or act on anything relating thereto?

Article 66. Michael Joseph Sullivan and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $15 for the purpose of installing and maintaining an electric light on middle pole at

Cushing Road extension, between Smith Place and Pleasant Street, Cohasset, or act on anything relating thereto?

Article 67. Frederick G. James and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $15 for the purpose of installing and maintaining one electric light on King Street to be placed between the ledges near the residence of Antonio Rosano, or act on anything relating thereto?

Article 68. Dean K. James and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $30 for the purpose of placing two additional lights on Elm Court, one to be located near the bungalow of Frank Salvador, Esq., the second to be located in the hollow near the residence of Percy Hendrie, Esq., or act on anything relating thereto?

Article 69. Zaccheus L. Beal and others: Will the Town raise and appropriate an amount necessary to purchase 1000 feet of fire hose for North Cohasset Hose Company, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That $650 be raised for above purpose.

Cohasset, April 3, 1917.

At the Constitutional Convention Primary held this afternoon at 4 o'clock the following vote was declared:

Total number of ballots cast, 345.

Delegates at Large

Charles F. Adams	179
George W. Anderson	102
William G. Andrew	52
Albert S. Apsey	70
Charles J. Barton	64
John L. Bates	165
Addison P. Boardsley	32
William H. Brooks	76
Walter A. Buie	45
Harvey S. Chase	77
Charles F. Choate, Jr	131
Charles W. Clifford	78
George W. Coleman	81
Louis A. Coolidge	121
John W. Cummings	72

Edwin U. Curtis	120
Samuel R. Cutler	31
Arthur W. DeGoosh	27
David E. Denny	25
Daniel R. Donovan	42
George H. Doty	54
Hugh P. Drysdale	16
Frank E. Dunbar	55
Samuel J. Elder	98
Wilmot R. Evans, Jr	47
Eugene N. Foss	89
Harry A. Garfield	46
Ralph W. Gloag	15
Gurdon W. Gordan	23
Matthew Hale	87
Arthur D. Hill	65
Walter S. Hutchins	24
Patrick H. Jennings	39
Lewis J. Johnson	42
Abbott L. Lowell	106
Nathan Matthews	90
James T. Moriarty	41
Joseph C. Pelletier	101
Josiah Quincy	98
Clarence W. Rowley	25
John Weaver Sherman	41
James A. Stiles	14
Moorfield Storey	78
Charles B. Strecher	33
Wendall P. Thore	12
Whitfield L. Tuck	13
Joseph Walker	85
David I. Walsh	128
Robert M. Washburn	37
Sherman L. Whipple	146
Lombard Williams	30
George H. Wrenn	30
Blanks	2122

Delegates — Third Plymouth District

Walter L. Bouve	67
Clarence V. Nickerson	8
Walter Shuebruk	247
Allen P. Soule	5
Blanks	18

Cohasset, May 1, 1917.

At the Constitutional Convention election the following vote was declared

Delegates to Constitutional Convention
Delegates at Large

Charles Francis Adams	234
George W. Anderson	132
Albert S. Apsey	153
Charles J. Barton	164
John L. Bates	227
William H. Brooks	152
Walter A. Buie	92
Charles F. Choate, Jr	195
Charles W. Clifford	161
George W. Coleman	127
Louis A. Coolidge	184
John W. Cummings	189
Edwin W. Curtis	201
Daniel R. Donovan	103
Frank E. Dunbar	134
Samuel J. Elder	171
Wilmot R. Evans, Jr	112
Eugene N. Foss	115
Matthew Hale	122
Arthur D. Hill	112
Patrick H. Jennings	96
Abbott Lawrence Lowell	166
Nathan Matthews	156
James T. Moriarty	85
Joseph C. Pelletier	126
Josiah Quincy	129

Moorfield Storey	150
Charles B. Strecker	62
Joseph Walker	116
David I. Walsh	182
Sherman L. Whipple	163
George H. Wrenn	84
Scattering	6
Blanks	1575

Sixteenth Congressional District

Edward A. Burnett	156
John W. Churchill	187
Elmer L. Curtiss	278
Heman A. Harding	168
Arthur N. Harriman	81
Charles Mitchell	115
Samuel Ross	73
Blanks	488

Third Plymouth Representative District

Walter L. Bouve	181
Clarence V. Nickerson	187
Blanks	18

Special Town Meeting

At a special town meeting held on May 16, 1917, at 8 o'clock p.m., the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose Harry E. Mapes Moderator.

Article 2. Will the Town raise and appropriate sufficient money to purchase a motor-driven pumping fire engine, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted in the negative.

Article 3. Will the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding $1000, for the purchase of a motor-driven wagon for the use of the Forest Fire Warden and Fire Department, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That this article be passed over.

Article 4. Will the Town instruct the Selectmen to sell about five acres of land located on the east side of King Street, adjoining the Nichols property and opposite the old location of the Cohasset Almshouse, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That this article be passed over.

Article 5. Will the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for the use of the Committee on Public Safety, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That the sum of $500 be raised and appropriated for above purpose.

Special Town Meeting

At a special Town meeting held May 28, 1917, at 8 o'clock p.m., the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose Harry E. Mapes Moderator.

Article 2. Will the Town raise and appropriate sufficient money to purchase a motor-driven pumping fire engine, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to investigate the need of additional fire apparatus for Cohasset said committee to report at the next annual Town meeting.

Committee appointed were Herbert L. Brown, Henry E. Brennock, Herbert E. Fernald, Charles W. Gammons and William R. Sears.

Cohasset, September 25, 1917.

At the State Primary election the following vote was declared:

REPUBLICAN VOTE

Governor

Grafton L. Cushing	46
Samuel W. McCall	121
Blanks	26

Lieutenant-Governor

Calvin Coolidge	141
Blanks	52

Secretary

Albert P. Langtry	128
Blanks	65

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill	129
Blanks	64

Auditor

Charles Bruce	51
Alonzo B. Cook	89
Blanks	53

Attorney-General

Henry C. Attwill	106
Conrad W. Crooker	31
Blanks	56

Councillor — First District

Andrew J. Jennings	23
David L. Parker	94
Blanks	76

Senator — Norfolk and Plymouth District

Kenneth L. Nash	92
William O. Souther, Jr	99
Blanks	2

Representative in General Court

George S. Marsh	134
Blanks	59

County Commissioner — Norfolk

John F. Merrill	127
Blanks	66

Register of Deeds — Norfolk County

Walter W. Chambers	108
Frank A. Tirrell	30
Blanks	55

State Committee — Norfolk and Plymouth District

James T. Kirby	118
Blanks	75

Delegates to State Convention

Anselm L. Beal	150
Oliver H. Howe	132
Herbert L. Brown	143
Blanks	154

Town Committee

Eugene N. Tower	136
Edward L. Stevens	135
Anselm L. Beal	138
Edward E. Wentworth	126
Oliver H. Howe	130
Fred L. Reed	131
Herbert L. Brown	136
Blanks	418

DEMOCRATIC VOTE

Governor

Frederick W. Mansfield	19
Samuel W. McCall	1
Blanks	3

Lieutenant-Governor

Matthew Hale 5
Blanks 18

Secretary

Arthur B. Reed 5
Blanks 18

Treasurer

Humphrey O'Sullivan 5
Blanks 18

Auditor

Elyear Choquette 5
Blanks 18

Attorney-General

Josiah Quincy 5
Blanks 18

Councillor — First District

Blanks 23

Senator — Norfolk and Plymouth District

Clarence W. Harding 9
Blanks 14

Representative in General Court

Blanks 23

County Commissioner — Norfolk

George Jason 1
Blanks 22

Register of Deeds — Norfolk County

Blanks 23

State Committee — Norfolk and Plymouth District

Joseph St. John	1
Blanks	22

Delegates to State Convention

Bartholomew Daley	7
Henry E. Sweeney	7
Blanks	32

Town Committee

Bartholomew Daley	8
John J. Grassie	6
Joseph St. John	7
Henry E. Sweeney	8
Cornelius Kenney	7
Joseph E. Grassie	6
Edward A. Mulvey	6
Daniel Donovan	7
Blanks	129

State Election

Cohasset, November 6, 1917.

At the annual State Election held this day, the following vote was declared. Total number of ballots cast were 334.

Governor

James Hayes of Plymouth	2
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston	1
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston	93
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester	236
John McCarthy of Abington	2
Blanks	0

Lieutenant-Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton	233
Matthew Hale of Boston	80
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown	2
Frederick E. Oelcher of Peabody	2
Blanks	16

Secretary

Herbert S. Brown of Greenfield	8
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield	225
Ingvar Paulsen of Boston	9
Arthur B. Reed of Abington	83
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell	2
Blanks	14

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston	229
Solon Lovett of Beverly	2
Joseph A. Murphy of Lowell	2
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell	86
Mary E. Petersen of Somerville	1
Blanks	14

Auditor

Elzear H. Choquette of New Bedford	78
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston	224
David Craig of Milford	0
Walter S. Peck of Stockbridge	3
Henry G. Smith, Jr., of Somerville	3
Blanks	25

Attorney-General

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn	219
Frank Auchter of Belmont	3
William R. Henry of Lynn	3
Thomas J. Maher of Medford	4
Josiah Quincy of Boston	92
Blanks	13

Councillor — First District

Norman D. Gillespie of Whitman	12
David L. Parker of New Bedford	255
Blanks	67

Senator — Norfolk and Plymouth District

Clarence W. Harding of Whitman 84
Kenneth Nash of Weymouth 228
Elmer A. Wright of Whitman 4
Blanks 18

Representative in General Court

George S. Marsh of Hingham 260
Blanks 74

County Commissioner, Norfolk

John F. Merrill of Quincy 259
H. L. Brown 1
Blanks 74

Registrar of Deeds, Norfolk

Walter W. Chambers of Dedham 249
Blanks 85

Shall the article of amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes 207
No 54
Blanks 73

In place of Article 18 of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution, shall the Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes 209
No 86
Blanks 39

Shall the Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessaries of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes 214
No 45
Blanks 75

Convention of Town Clerks

Third Plymouth Representative District

On the sixteenth day of November, A.D., 1917, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the Third Plymouth Representative District, assembled at the office of the Town Clerk in Hingham at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in and determining who had been elected to represent said District in the General Court, to be holden at Boston the first Wednesday in January, 1918, proceeded to canvass said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows:

	Hingham	*Cohasset*	*Hull*	*Total*
George S. Marsh of Hingham.....	613	260	136	1008
William R. Hatch of Hingham.....	1	0	0	1
M. K. Huntley of Hingham.....	1	0	0	1
Arthur Whiton of Hingham.....	1	0	0	1
Blanks.....	75	74	30	179
Total.....	690	334	166	1190

It appearing that George S. Marsh of Hingham had received a plurality of the votes given in a certificate of election was issued to him.

ARTHUR W. BURR,
Town Clerk of Hingham

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk of Cohasset

JAMES JEFFREY,
Town Clerk of Hull

Military Duty

The number of men liable to perform military duty April 1, 1917, were 405.

Dog Licenses

Number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1916, to December 1, 1917, were as follows:

Male	145
Female	19
Female (spayed)	3
Breeders	1
Total	168

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

Births, Marriages and Deaths Registered During the Year 1917

BIRTHS

The total number of births were 56; males, 30; females, 26.
The parentage was as follows:

American father and mother	35
American father and foreign mother	9
Foreign father and American mother	0
Foreign father and mother	12

MARRIAGES

Total number of marriages, 32; married in Cohasset, 21; other places, 11.

Sixteen grooms and 17 brides were residents of Cohasset while there were but 4 marriages in which both were residents of this Town.

DEATHS

The total number of deaths recorded were 34; 28 were residents of Cohasset; and 6 were brought here for burial.

Of the 28 who were residents of Cohasset, 13 were males and 15 were females; and their average age was 55 years, 5 months and 5 days.

3 were under 5 years of age.
1 between 10 and 20.
3 between 20 and 30.
2 between 30 and 40.
3 between 50 and 60.
6 between 60 and 70.
3 between 70 and 80.
6 between 80 and 90.
1 over 90.

The causes of death were as follows:

Cerebral hemorrhage, 7; heart disease, 4; arterio sclerosis, 3; nephritis, 2; cerebral thrombosis, plumonary abscess, influenzia, cancer, la grippe, hemorrhage, acute appendicitis, accidental, meningitis, chronic bronchitis, toxaemia and premature birth, 1 each.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Date	*Name of Child*	*Parents*
Jan. 10	Josephine Margaret Irvine	William H. and Josephine M. (Morrison)
Jan. 15	Frank Andrucehia Impessino	Charles and Mary A. A. (Devito)
Jan. 16	Clarence Vernon Lovejoy	Weston and Amy S. (Brown)
Jan. 23	Clarence John Brasill	Clarence S. and Mary J. (Delorey)
Jan. 23	Frances Osgood	George and Barbara (Bolles)
Jan. 27	Richard Chase	Roy F. and Margaret L. (Daley)
Feb. 8	Katherine Kane	T. Frank and Margaret T. (Baldwin)
Feb. 10	Richard Clifton Sturgis Harding	Lester W. and Dorothy (Sturgis)
Feb. 10	Jeannie Elizabeth Brown	Thomas S. and Carrie (Colburn)
Feb. 12	Mary Lothrop Gross	Walter A. and Ellen M. (Smith)
Feb. 19	Waldo Benjamin Arnold	Asa M. and Mary B. (Matheson)
Feb. 23	Paul Albert Grassie	Frederick M. and Katheryn (Hasselbrook)
Feb. 24	Vincent Devito	Ferdinand and Maria S. (Migliccio)
Feb. 26	Francis Ezarva Ahearn	Henry M. and May L. (Mulvey)
Mar. 2	—— Mercurio	Patsy and Angelo (Barbier)
Mar. 3	Hugh James Gelleece	Hugh J. and Eva E. (Steel)
Mar. 22	—— Harding	Albert E. and Gladys E. (French)
Mar. 22	Levi Lincoln Hiltz	Alexander S. and Elizabeth E. (Anderson)
April 3	Harriet Ruth Bailey	Henry M. and Evelyn M. (Reamy)
April 3	Nellie Maria Stoddard	Charles R. and Nellie B. (Bates)
April 9	Olaf Harold Thomas Pedersen	Andrew and Anna B. (Nelson)
April 18	William Ward Nason	William W. and Letitia M. (Keyes)

BIRTHS FOR 1917 — Continued.

Date	*Name of Child*	*Parents*
April 22	Edith Lewis	Geoffrey W. and Edith L. (Lincoln)
April 23	Herbert Edward Dion	Joseph A. and Bridget F. (Reilly)
May 8	—— Bonney	Ralph M. and Susan H. (Pillsbury)
June 12	Dorus Eilien Schott	Edward H. and Mabel C. (Dorus)
June 13	Mary Eleonor Yuonne Hetue	Paul Harry A. and Bernice (Reilly)
June 25	Melvin Joseph Adams Antoine	Alfred M. and Annie J. (Hersey)
July 1	Salvadore Polito	William and Lucile G. (Croco)
July 6	Mary Brcderick	Thomas and He'en (Green)
July 13	Joan Doyle	John B. and Mary (Green)
July 14	John Dennehy	Dennis E. and Helen (Kinsley)
July 16	Marjorie Higgins	Edward L. and Margaret M. (Sullivan)
July 17	Eleanor Bartlett Williams	Elmer S. and Eleanor B. (Pierce)
July 18	Eunice Crocker	Lyneham and Mary (Thorndike)
July 22	Henry Smith Thompson	Henry S. and Helen S. (Apthrop)
Aug. 9	George Ralph Neagle	Leo E. and Gladys M. (Whitman)
Aug. 11	Marietta Pratt	John J. and Edna F. (Bates)
Aug. 15	LouiseMirriam Bates	Walter P. and Mary (Maxwell)
Aug. 30	Charles Fall Silvia	Antoine L. and Lucy A. (McPhee)
Aug. 31	Alice Nora Brown	John J. and Sadie L. (Devoe)
Sept. 15	Nathan Owen Parker	Maurice W. and Rosalia (Besserer)
Sept. 19	William Edward Roche, Jr	William E. and Albertina (Abramhanson)
Sept. 23	William Joel Barron	William H. and Katherine F. (Valine)

BIRTHS FOR 1917 — Concluded.

Date	*Name of Child*	*Parents*
Sept. 25	Martha Vesburg	William and Marie (Dugan)
Sept. 27	—— Blakeman	Leon and Mabel G. (Mitchell)
Sept. 30	Barbara Lougello	Joseph and Barbara (Modente)
Oct. 7	Dora Marion Sargent	George F., Jr., and Abbie L. (Wilder)
Oct. 18	Catherine Eloise Jason	Charles E. and Mary E. (Brennick)
Oct. 28	Sargent Nichols Tower	Sargent F. and Helen (Gould)
Oct. 30	Harry J. Look	John E. and Cora L. (Thompson)
Nov. 7	Teresa Katherine Donoghue	Daniel F. and Bridget T. (Sullivan)
Nov. 10	Lyman Menard	Ralph W. and Merriel G. (Willcutt)
Nov. 25	Evelyn Craven Roche	Francis M. and Josephine (Craven)
Dec. 13	Hattie Louise Williams	Charles H. and Gertrude M. (York)
Dec. 29	—— Gratta	Roscoe and Lucy J. (Herndon)

MARRIAGES FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Date	*Name*	*Residence*	*Married by*
Jan. 2	Abraham Sorto Enos	Cohasset	
	Helena Frances Donovan	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Thomas A. Flynn
Jan. 8	Carl F. W. Schafer	Scituate	
	Elizabeth M. Donnellon	Scituate	At Cohasset by Rev. Thomas A. Flynn
Feb. 12	Sargent Fruean Tower	Cohasset	
	Helen Gould	Brookline	At Brookline by Rev. T. Coruin Watkins
Jan. 31	Thomas F. Mulcahy	Cohasset	
	Edna M. Stillings	Hingham	At Hingham by Rev. P. F. McCall
April 3	Lawrence Petersen	Cohasset	
	Edith H. Menchin	Weymouth	At Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole
April 14	Vincenzo Mercurio	Perth Amboy, N. J.	
	Guiseppina De Vito	Cohasset	At Boston by Rev. Dittovio Gregori
April 14	Ralph L. Roberts, Jr.	Scituate	
	Elsie C. Butman	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
April 14	Leon F. Blakeman	North Abington	
	Mabel G. Mitchell	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
April 15	John Arthur Donovan	Cohasset	
	Alice Cecilia Hennessy	Boston	At Boston by Rev. John J. Fletcher
April 22	Anthony J. Ferreria	Cohasset	
	Marion E. McMurray	Brookline	At Brookline by Rev. Michael T. M. Munus
April 23	Alton Jefferson Priest	Cohasset	
	Clare Estella McPhearson	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Paul D. Minnick

MARRIAGES FOR 1917 — Continued.

Date	*Name*	*Residence*	*Married by*
April 26	Donald S. Pitkin	Scituate	
	Dorothy A. Bacon	Chicago, Ill.	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
May 3	Antoine F. Cortez	Cohasset	
	Florence A. Silvia	Kingston	At Kingston by Rev. Andrew F. Haberstroh
May 20	Edward R. Jason	Cohasset	
	Elsie J. Grassie	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Daniel J. Carney
June 2	Edward A. C. Murphy	Greenwich, Conn.	
	Margaret B. Williams	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
June 6	Augustine G. Higgins	Hingham	
	Margarite L. Burke	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Daniel J. Carney
June 7	Thomas L. Allen	Boston	
	Margaret Newton	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
June 12	Everett W. Pervere	Boston	
	Nathaline Cumner	Brookline	At Cohasset by Rev. Abbot Peterson
June 19	John Galt	Honolulu, T. H.	
	Eleanor Crehore	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
June 23	John Bates	Cohasset	
	Esther Stevens	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
June 30	George Melcher	Hingham	
	Charlotte Edwards	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
July 21	Edgar Ducharme	Quincy	
	Jeannette Bechet	Cohasset	At Quincy by Emery L. Crane, J. P.

MARRIAGES FOR 1917 — Concluded.

Date	*Name*	*Residence*	*Married by*
July 21	James C. White	Cohasset	
	Camilla L. Morgan	New York, N. Y.	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
Aug. 12	Patrick J. O'Malley	Brookline	
	Delia A. O'Hara	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Daniel J. Carney
Sept. 9	Joseph F. Kendall	Cohasset	
	Blanche L. Holman	Wollaston	At Wollaston by Rev. Joseph Walther
Sept. 25	Thomas J. Keating	Cohasset	
	Helen B. Daly	Hingham	At Hingham by Rev. P. F. McCall
Sept. 27	Melvin Thompson	Cohasset	
	Helen T. Mitchell	Weymouth	At Cohasset by Rev. Howard Key Bartow
Oct. 18	John Steele	Hingham	
	Sarah J. (Gillis) Jason	Cohasset	At Hingham by Rev. P. F. McCall
Nov. 29	John J. Walsh	Cohasset	
	Linda M. O'Malley	Dorchester	At Boston by Rev. Edward Kenney
Nov. 29	Walter H. Maynard	Dorchester	
	Bertha O. Souther	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Fred V. Stanley
Dec. 12	Roscoe G. Pratt	Cohasset	
	Marion Lee	Boston	At Cohasset by Rev. William R. Cole
Dec. 25	Roy E. Litchfield	Scituate	
	Nellie E. Brown	Cohasset	At Cohasset by Rev. Linneus M. Bosworth

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1917

Date	*Name*	*Age* Y	M	D	*Birthplace*	*Parents*
Jan. 12	Levi A. Oakes	69	8	0	——	——
Jan. 22	Mary S. Wood	81	10	5	Boston	James Butler and Ann (Simpson)
Jan. 23	Mary Desmond	61	7	12	Ireland	John Mulcahy and Mary (——)
Jan. 30	Farragh A. Brogan	51	4	10	Ireland	Anthony and Mary (Lavelle)
Feb. 10	Adaline A. Wilkins	89	9	10	——	——
Feb. 16	Cyrus R. Keene	88	3	20	Maine	Simeon and Sarah (Elwell)
Feb. 18	Harriet J. Apts	81	5	15	Newbury	—— Knapp and ——
Feb. 25	Floyd Wilson	21	3	22	Westville, N. Y.	Giles J. and Kate A. (Rogers)
Mar. 3	Joseph Souza Neutto	0	1	1	Cohasset	Manuel and Mary (Souza)
Mar. 23	Emma Sabin Fox	70	7	7	Providence, R. I.	Perry Manchester and Mercy P. (Burgess)
Mar. 26	Mary L. Cluff	74	0	2	——	——
April 12	Julia C. M. Wilson	50	0	0	——	——
April 13	Abbie S. Parker	68	8	24	——	——
April 14	Charles Henry Williams, Jr.	0	10	14	Cohasset	Charles H. and Gertrude M. (York)
April 17	Stephen Grinnell	58	10	11	Tiverton, R. I	Stephen and Priscilla (Borden)
April 19	Winthrop D. Lincoln	58	0	0	——	——
April 25	Mary J. Enos	69	3	0	Azores	Joseph and ——
May 7	Maida Dodge	27	3	11	Hull, Iowa	—— Stickney and ——
May 25	Rose E. Litchfield	62	10	15	New Brunswick	William Higgins and Mary (Owens)
May 29	Frederick L. Lincoln	60	3	21	Cohasset	Lewis and Mary A. (Souther)

DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1917 — Concluded.

Date	*Name*	*Age* Y	M	D	*Birthplace*	*Parents*
May 30	Charles L. Trapp	18	6	2	Hull	Charles and Bessie (Paine)
June 19	Richard T. Green	63	5	22	East Boston	William and Sarah (Mallard)
June 30	Leslie C. McAllister	34	2	3	Cohasset	William R. Collier and Marianna (Pratt)
June 11	Robert Cushing	39	8	25	Cohasset	Louis T. and Mary R. (Johnson)
July 23	Johanna N. Collier	71	1	4	Cohasset	James and Johanna N. (Bates)
Sept. 7	Margaret Donovan	21	6	17	Boston	Michael J. O'Brien and Mary E. (Clark)
Sept. 8	William C. Hayden	74	2	3	Cohasset	William C. and Mary D. (Tower)
Sept. 17	Henry H. Foster	91	10	0	Ireland	Joseph and Mary (White)
Oct. 3	Francis Campbell	0	0	3	Boston	Daniel A. and Mary E. (Ronayne)
Oct. 30	Elizabeth Orcutt	82	9	21	Cohasset	Warren and Clarissa (Vinal)
Nov. 6	Mary Frances Davis	84	0	8	Augusta, Me.	Luther Snell and Jerusha (Caldwell)
Nov. 11	Amelia J. Salvador	58	5	26	Azores	Joseph Galvin and Rita Noyes
Dec. 15	Lucy E. Smith	65	9	20	Azores	Ignatius Frates and ——
Dec. 22	Mary Lean	82	3	14	Nova Scotia	George McKay and Elizabeth McKay

AUDITOR'S REPORT

ACCOUNTS OF 1917

(For Index, see Recapitulation, page 84. Details can be seen in the office of the Town Accountant.)

Town Officers

Appropriation (Article 5, Annual Meeting, March 12, 1917) . .		$5,400.00
Appropriation (Article 38, Annual Meeting, March 12, 1917)		800.00
		$6,200.00
Receipts, by Tax Collector, summonses, fees, etc	$48.45	
Receipts, from H. E. Mapes, for service of warrant, Special Meeting of May 28	3.00	
		$51.45
Expenditures:		
Selectmen, salaries, three at $400 each	$1,200.00	
Expenses	125.81	
Auditor and Accountant, services	1,000.00	
Expenses	12.81	
Treasurer, services	600.00	
Expenses	137.41	
Collector, services	800.00	
Expenses	173.46	
Assessors, services, three at $300 each	900.00	
Expenses	115.17	
Other Finance Offices and Accounts:		
Registration of five notes . . .	10.00	

Town Clerk, services		$300.00	
Expenses		44.01	
Election and Registration:			
Election officers, services		176.00	
Expenses		56.20	
Registration of Voters, services of Registrars		262.00	
Expenses		8.00	
Total for Town Officers		$5,920.87	
Balance to treasury		330.58	
		$6,251.45	$6,251.45
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):			
Harry F. Tilden, Town Clerk, recording, etc	$73.05		
Hobbs & Warren, for Town Clerk stationery	1.70		
	$74.75		

LAW

Appropriation			$300.00
Expenditures:			
Albert P. Worthen, services	$250.00		
Expenses	3.70	$253.70	
F. A. Tirrell, services		10.00	
Walter Shuebruk, services		20.00	
Thomas H. Buttimer, services		50.00	
Edgecomb, Sheehan & Whitehill, services		15.60	
Crossett case, expenses, witnesses, etc		107.15	
Balance over appropriation to Incidental Account			156.45
Total for Law and Legal Services		$456.45	$456.45

ENGINEERING — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		$300.00
Expenditures:		
Hartley L. White	$8.58	
Henry A. Litchfield	98.00	
Total for maintenance	$106.58	
Balance to treasury	193.42	
	$300.00	$300.00

ENGINEERING — TAX SURVEY — OUTLAY

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Receipts, from A. F. B. Petersen		4.00
Expenditures:		
Hartley L. White, services	$1,000.00	
Balance to treasury	4.00	
	$1,004.00	$1,004.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation (including new furniture, etc., Selectmen's Room)		$1,775.00
Receipts:		
F. W. Mead, rent	$427.60	
Simeone Bros., rent	100.00	
L. J. Morris, janitor, income	235.65	
Daughters American Revolution, rent	7.55	
R. S. Osgood, Treasurer C. A. A., rent and breakage	31.71	
Art Metal Construction Co., reimbursement for damage done, and for freight	29.30	
		$831.81

Expenditures:			
Janitor, services		$567.50	
Janitor, extra work		27.02	
Supplies for janitor		45.06	
Telephone (12 months)		70.90	
Lighting (12 months), general, $277.50; picture machine, $96.90		374.40	
Wiring, lamps, etc		69.79	
Heating (1916, $70.14)		609.42	
Tuning and repairs on pianos (1916, $3)		14.00	
General repairs and supplies, including installation of two drinking fountains ($15)		410.65	
Erecting election booths		17.50	
Selectmen's room and vault room, painting		44.60	
Selectmen's room, new furniture, $248.75; freight and labor on same, $9.23		257.98	
Steel filing cabinet, $424; freight, $9.30; damage, etc., $15 (Town reimbursed, also $5 on painting)		448.30	
Insurance, E. N. Tower, agent	$115.00		
Insurance, W. H. Pratt, agent Workmen's Compensation	10.08	125.08	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to Incd. Acct.			475.39
Total for Town Hall		$3,082.20	$3,082.20
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):			
Lincoln Bros. Coal Co., coal	$20.00		
Lot E. Bates, hauling wood	7.65		
	$27.65		

PRINTING

Appropriation			$800.00
Receipts, from H. E. Mapes, reimbursement, cost Special Meeting, May 28			14.00
Expenditures:			
Selectmen, notices, placards, etc.	$53.77		
Warrants	78.10		
		$131.87	
Town Treasurer, blanks		19.83	
Tax Collector, billheads, etc.		13.83	
Assessors, circulars, envelopes, etc.		17.77	
Town Clerk, town seal stickers		.75	
Elections — ballots, voting lists, etc.		88.15	
Overseers — supply slips		3.72	
Town Reports — 1100 (208 pages at $2)		416.00	
Total for printing		$691.92	
Balance to treasury		122.08	
		$814.00	$814.00

WATER FOR HYDRANTS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Appropriation (including new hydrant on top of Pleasant Street)			$4,650.00
Expenditures:			
Cohasset Water Co.			
Hydrants (92-3 free)	$3,982.50		
Water rates for buildings	20.00		
Total for Fire Department	$4,002.50		
Town Hall	35.00		
Highways	125.50		

Cohasset Home	$42.00		
Schools	45.00		
		$4,250.00	
Hingham Water Co.			
Fire Department			
Hydrants, 9 at $45	$405.00		
Hose 3, water rates	9.00		
Setting up four hydrants, Jerusalem Road	160.00		
		574.00	
Moore & Co.			
Pleasant Street hydrant	$40.00		
Labor and material	180.25	220.25	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Acct			394.25
Total for Water, etc		$5,044.25	$5,044.25

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation			$4,250.00
Receipts			
Clerk East Norfolk District Court, fines, etc		$101.10	
Officer at Town Hall:			
F. W. Mead	$36.00		
Simeone Bros	1.50		
		37.50	
Officers' services:			
Mrs. B. L. Sankey	9.00		
Sandy Beach Association	46.50		
		55.50	
Thomas L. Bates		108.00	
Town of Hingham, one-half cost of telephone at North Cohasset, one year		11.58	
			313.68

Expenditures:		
Chief, services (1916, $83.37)..	$1,083.37	
Officers, general.....	2,336.78	
Officers, Town Hall.....	51.00	
Officers, liquor, special services, etc.....	213.75	
Care street lanterns.....	82.00	
Disposing of dogs.....	5.50	
		$3,772.40
Expenses of Administration:		
Subscription to Auto List, 2 years.....	$15.00	
Car fares, assistance, court expenses, etc. (1916, $11.85).....	200.46	
		215.46
Headquarters:		
Labor, repairs, laundry, etc.	$87.56	
Flag, 9 x 6, $13.50; repairs, $2.....	15.50	
Fuel.....	67.01	
Light.....	9.00	
		179.07
Telephones:		
Chief.....	56.28	
Headquarters.....	40.90	
Box, Main Street.....	28.77	
North Cohasset.....	23.85	
Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue.....	16.18	
		165.98
Street Signs, purchase and repairs, oil, etc., for lights (1916, .84).....		42.06
Care of Prisoners:		
City of Quincy — to October 1, 1916.....	14.65	

Meals at lockup, etc.	$21.10		
		$80.45	
Transportation, renting of autos.		35.75	
Auto of Dept., maintenance:			
Repairs and supplies.	$362.69		
Insurance.	47.84		
		410.53	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to Incd. Acct.			338.02
Total for Police Department		$4,901.70	$4,901.70
Unpaid bill (received after closing of books)			
F. W. Browne.	$0.75		

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appropriation (meeting of May 16).			$500.00
Expenditures:			
State Guard:			
Everett W. Gammons, clerk and treas.	$50.00		
Cartridges (1000).	44.89		
Photographs.	8.45		
Gun racks in Town Hall, lumber, labor, etc.	32.36		
Poncho blankets (75).	161.25		
		$296.95	
Celebration, Sunday, July 29:			
Weymouth Band.	$55.00		
Medals and engraving.	92.30		
Stamps, envelopes, printing, etc.	7.45		
Supplies and service for entertainment.	27.60		
		182.35	

Record and Relief Committee:			
Stationery	$0.47		
Auto — two trips to Bridgewater with drafted men	20.00	$20.47	
Total for Public Safety Com.		$499.77	
Balance to treasury		.23	
		$500.00	$500.00
Unpaid bill (received after closing of books):			
F. W. Browne	$5.85		

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation, general, including salary of Chief, repairs, etc			$4,500.00
New hose (Hose 3)			650.00
			$5,150.00
Expenditures:			
Executive expenses (1916, $2.32)		$38.93	
Telephone at house of Combination No. 1 (12 months)		54.60	
Salaries and wages:			
Chief	$300.00		
Driver Combination No. 1	1,200.00		
Night services, Combination No. 1	279.50		
Substitute drivers Combina- No. 1	24.00		
Stewards	125.00		
Watching fires	21.00		
Services at fires	7.00		
Poll taxes, 58 men	116.00		
		2,072.50	

Repairs on and supplies for apparatus:		
Combination No. 1	$751.62	
Combination No. 2 (Beechwood)	5.50	
		$757.12
Conveyance of apparatus to fires:		
Combination No. 1	$41.80	
Hook and Ladder No. 1	25.40	
Combination No. 2	15.00	
Hose No. 3 (North Cohasset)	20.00	
		102.20
Repairs on buildings:		
Combination No. 1 (including $63.21 of 1916)	$783.00	
Combination No. 2	25.00	
Hose 3	3.62	
		811.62
General supplies for houses:		
Combination No. 1 (1916, $66.36)	$229.60	
Hook and Ladder No. 1	10.25	
Hose 3	18.62	
		258.47
Fuel:		
Combination No. 1	$261.65	
Hook and Ladder No. 1	2.83	
Combination No. 2	12.50	
Hose 3	50.27	
		327.25
Light:		
Combination No. 1	$82.20	
Combination No. 2	8.11	
Hose 3	12.40	
		102.71
Equipment supplies:		
Combination No. 1 (1916, $5.40)	$258.56	

Hose 3, special, 1000 feet hose	$650.00		
Hose 3, special, carting hose	2.00		
		$910.56	
Fire Alarm:			
General repairs	$84.92		
Current for batteries	37.57		
		122.49	
Rent, 1916	$20.00		
Rent, 9 months of 1917	15.00		
		35.00	
Balance brought from " Forest Fires " for services			$110.42
Balance over appropriation, etc., to Incd. Acct			333.03
Total ordered by Engineers, Fire Department		$5,593.45	$5,593.45

Unpaid bills:

W. C. Poole, auto for Engineers	$2.00
Captain Combination No. 1, services of company	30.00
Minot Market, supplies	11.23
H. L. Brown, supplies	3.42
Lincoln Bros. Coal Co., fuel	29.67
Cohasset Livery and Sale Stable, carting coal	1.50
John L. Mitchell, coal	10.50
H. M. O'Brien, supplies	3.75
T. F. Kane, supplies	2.00
F. W. Browne, supplies	2.75
South Shore Garage, supplies	1.00
Cohasset Supply Co., supplies	12.33
	$110.15

FIRE DEPARTMENT — SELECTMEN

No appropriation			
Expenditures:			
Paid A. E. Grassie, sign "No Rubbish," to Incd. Acct..		$2.75	

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation.....			$500.00
Expenditures:			
Executive expenses, postage, telephoning, etc.....		$1.85	
Payrolls (fires).....		144.25	
Acid, $33.66; soda, $22.54....		56.20	
Supplies, general.....		9.38	
Carting, 1916.....		1.40	
Storage of wagon.....		40.00	
Transportation.....		136.50	
Total for Forest Fires.....		$389.58	
Carried to Fire Department for services rendered.....		110.42	
		$500.00	$500.00
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):			
F. W. Browne, acid.....	$3.00		
State Forester, brooms.....	3.75		
	$6.75		

MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation (by law, $3952.08) including increase for labor, etc.....			$4,202.08
Receipts:			
State Highway, for work.....		$120.46	

From various sources, for work, lead, etc., not on tax bills		$314.00	
Benjamin D. Hyde, 1916 acct.		265.80	
Mrs. Mary F. Dodge, 1916 account		39.60	
George Young, sale of junk		2.30	
On tax bills:			
1916 and prior	$279.90		
1917	2,502.70	2,782.60	$3,524.76
Transfer from Tree Warden account for lead, gasolene and oil			74.08
Expenditures:			
Payrolls (under Joseph E. Grassie):			
Superintendent, services	$36.00		
Labor, general	344.40		
		$380.40	
Payrolls (under George Young);			
Superintendent, services	$688.38		
Labor, general	4,254.25		
		4,942.63	
State Forester, 26,900 pounds lead		2,125.60	
Moth notices, printing		2.35	
Stationery, printing, etc		14.15	
Carfares (George Young)		6.58	
Freight and express		4.40	
Teams:			
Supt. (Joseph E. Grassie)	$24.00		
Supt. (George Young)	247.00		
General	799.91		
		1,070.91	
Creosote, 204 gallons		36.56	
Hose, poles, etc		423.00	
Gasolene, 572 gallons		158.40	
Oil, 69 gallons		26.55	

Cans, 17		$12.15	
Soap, grease, etc		14.90	
Repairs on sprayers (1916, $9)		246.16	
Tree cavities:			
Labor, R. B. True (other labor in payrolls)	$54.00		
Expenses, R. B. True	20.20		
Supplies, cement and iron work	32.00		
		106.20	
Filing saws		17.50	
Supplies, misc		142.15	
Rent		100.00	
Insurance:			
On sprayers	$50.00		
Workmen's Compensation	215.55		
		265.55	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to "Agency"			$2,295.22
Total for Moth Work		$10,096.14	$10,096.14

MOTH WORK — PRIVATE LIABILITY

December 1, 1916 — December 1, 1917

Appropriation			$4,202.08
		Priv. Liab.	Total
Paid in December, 1916		$157.05	$278.70
Paid in 1917 to Dec. 1:			
Payrolls	$2,422.71		
Teams	754.36		
Lead, 25,706 lbs.	2,313.54		
Gas, 493 gals	138.04		
Oil, 89 ⅛ gals	35.65		
		5,664.30	9,856.77
		$5,821.35	$10,135.47

Deduct Private Liability as above		$5,821.35	
		$4,314.12	
Balance over			$112.04
		$4,314.12	$4,314.12

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation			$800.00
Receipts, from various sources for labor			72.63
Expenditures:			
Payrolls:			
Services, George Young	$169.75		
Other labor	395.89		
		$565.64	
Teams:			
George Young	$97.00		
Other teaming	25.80		
		122.80	
Printing, 100 card posters		4.50	
Trees, purchase of		109.50	
Misc. supplies, tools, etc		28.65	
Filing saws		4.35	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation		23.95	
		$859.39	
Transfer to Moth Account:			
Lead, 760 lbs. at .09	$68.40		
Gasolene, 16 gals, at .28	4.48		
Oil, 3 gals, at .40	1.20		
		74.08	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to Incd. Acct.			60.84
Total for Tree Warden		$933.47	$933.47

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation			$200.00
Expenditures:			
Sealer, services		$150.00	
Office expenses, carfares, etc		10.85	
Weight lists, blanks, envelopes, etc		6.05	
Supplies		10.73	
Teams		11.50	
Total for Sealer		$189.13	
Balance to treasury		10.87	
		$200.00	$200.00
Unpaid bill (received after closing of books):			
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies	$15.51		

INSPECTION OF WIRES

Appropriation			$500.00
Expenditures:			
Inspector, for services		$430.92	
Expenses of inspector to N. Y. Convention		37.50	
Supplies		2.33	
Transportation (1916, $12.25).		29.25	
Total for Inspection of Wires		$500.00	$500.00

DEPUTY FISH AND GAME WARDEN

(Under Chap. 250, Acts of 1913)

No appropriation

Expenditures:

Paid John F. Smith, services one year, to Incd. Acct.	$50.00	

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation			$1,464.00
Expenditures:			
Executive Expenses			
Irving F. Sylvester, Secretary, services	$200.00		
Irving F. Sylvester, Secretary, transportation	50.00		
Irving F. Sylvester, Secretary, stamps, etc.	3.85		
		$253.85	
Warren F. Snow, services		50.00	
Frederick Hinchliffe, M.D., services		50.00	
Advertising		24.18	
Placards		9.79	
Transportation		1.50	
Telephone, Sec'y of Board		21.29	
Total Executive expenses		$410.61	
Quarantine and Contagious Hospital		126.99	
Fumigation		5.30	
Milk and Vinegar Inspection		10.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering		240.00	
Vital Statistics (1916, and prior, $9.75)		13.75	
Incidentals		7.75	
Total for Board of Health		$814.40	
Balance to treasury		649.60	
		$1,464.00	$1,464.00
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):			
H. E. Fernald, M.D., returning births	$6.75		
O. H. Howe, M.D., returning births	1.00		
		$7.75	

STRAITS POND, CAT DAM AND JAMES BROOK

Appropriations ($500 maintenance; $500, new gate for Cat Dam)			$1,000.00
Expenditures:			
Straits Pond:			
Labor	$7.80		
Repairs	18.65		
Lumber, cement bags, etc. (1916, $13.28)	18.37		
		$44.82	
Cat Dam, maintenance:			
Care of gates, 1917		20.00	
Cat Dam, OUTLAY, new gate:			
Payrolls (labor and team)	$323.76		
Iron work, twisted steel, bolts, hinges, pins, etc	237.10		
Express, freight and teaming	30.80		
General supplies, tools, etc. (650 cement bags)	223.05		
		814.71	
James Brook:			
Care of gates at Cove	$30.00		
Labor, cleaning, etc	20.20		
Supplies (1916, $9.65)	11.21		
		61.41	
Total Straits Pond, etc		$940.94	
Balance to treasury		59.06	
		$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Unpaid bill (received after closing of books):			
Cohasset Livery and Sale Stable, teaming, Cat Dam, OUTLAY	$4.75		

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation			$125.00
Paid D. W. Gilbert, V. S.		$125.00	

STATE HIGHWAY

Appropriation			$1,076.19
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$1,076.19	

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS— OILING STREETS (See below)

Appropriation			$22,000.00
Receipts, for labor, teams and supplies (the names and details of these receipts are on file in the Accountant's office)			1,105.32
Expenditures:			
Highway Surveyor (George Jason), services		$1,000.00	
Payrolls:			
Labor, ordinary	$5,753.63		
Engineer, S. N. Thayer	322.50		
Engineer, J. T. Barnes	157.50		
Blacksmithing	56.30		
Fences	364.35		
		6,654.28	
Teams, general	$4,479.65		
Teams, George Jason	736.00		
		5,215.65	
Expressage		12.20	
Freight		56.17	
Fuel — wood, $5.50; coal, $392.89		398.39	
Carpenter, C. V. Barnes		20.00	
Border Street bridge, J. L. Sullivan		515.00	

Walk, So. Main Street, front of Simeone Bros. (½)		$114.00
Catch-basins, etc		84.13
Crusher — smokestack		54.50
Fences, paint for		224.10
Grates		98.00
Road drag		35.00
Posts, etc		19.25
Dynamite		28.00
Gravel, etc		585.73
Mowing bushes (1916)		4.80
Shingling roller house		30.00
Lumber, drain pipe, tools, etc. (1916, $20.75)		265.81
Repairs steam roller		74.04
General supplies		418.22
Rent (1916)		75.00
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation:		
General road work ($10,000)	$241.00	
Stone crusher ($500)	23.95	
		264.95
Total for Highways, general		$16,247.22

OILING STREETS

Appropriation (included in Gen'l Highways, $22,000):		
Expenditures:		
Labor, ordinary		$1,952.65
Teams, general	$1,716.85	
Teams, George Jason	275.00	
		1,991.85
Labor, misc., S. N. Thayer, engineer	$80.50	
Labor, misc., J. T. Barnes, engineer	21.00	
		101.50

Demurrage, N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.		$23.00	
Gravel, etc.		33.50	
Wood, fuel		7.50	
Auto hire		1.00	
Brushes		30.75	
Kerosene oil		3.18	
Ind. Coal Tar Co., 1005 gals. patching compound and 20 bbls		110.56	
The Barrett Co.:			
Tarvia B, 29,407 gals.	$2,495.85		
Patch. Comp., 751 gals.	86.37		
		2,582.22	
Damage to clothing		15.00	
Total for Oiling Streets		$6,852.71	
General Highways brought forward		16,247.22	
Balance to treasury		5.39	
		$23,105.32	$23,105.32

HIGHWAYS — SELECTMEN

No appropriation		
Expenditures:		
Street fountains, cleaning, etc.	$27.90	
Street signs	121.35	
Total for Highways, Selectmen, to Incd. Acct.	$149.25	

PLEASANT STREET WIDENING

(Under Highway Surveyor)

Appropriation		$600.00
Expenditures:		
Land damage, Mrs. Leori I. Sessions	$50.00	

Contract (wall) S. H. Stoughton	$263.00		
Contract (gutter and catch-basins), S. H. Stoughton	225.00		
		$488.00	
Specifications, Edward Nichols		7.00	
Payroll, labor, team, etc		15.80	
Total for Pleasant Street		$560.80	
Balance to treasury		39.20	
		$600.00	$600.00

JERUSALEM ROAD COMMITTEE — EXPENSES

(Under Selectmen)

Appropriation		$50.00
Paid for transportation	$11.50	
Balance to treasury	38.50	
	$50.00	$50.00

CUNNINGHAM'S BRIDGE — REPAIRS

(Under Highway Surveyor)

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Expenditures:		
Litchfield-Lincoln Co., contract	$1,493.00	
Specifications, Edward Nichols	7.00	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

SCARIFIER

(Under Highway Surveyor)

Appropriation		$650.00
Paid J D. Adams & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., for "Road King" grader, with attachments	$542.00	
Balance to treasury	108.00	
	$650.00	$650.00

REMOVING SNOW (Sanding Streets, etc.)

Appropriation			$2,000.00
Expenditures:			
Payrolls, men and teams		$1,945.61	
Labor, care catchbasins		4.80	
Repairing plows		74.35	
Insurance, Workmen's Comsation		36.41	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Acct			61.17
Total for Removing Snow, etc		$2,061.17	$2,061.17

ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation			$6,950.00
Expenditures: Electric Light & Power Co.			
Jan., Feb. and March, 344 60-c.p. and 12 250-c.p. lights, $577.20 each month		$1,731.60	
April, for lights as in March	$577.20		
Additional 60-c.p.'s: Beechwood St., 4; Highland Ave., 1; Ash St., 1; James Lane, 1; No. Main St., 1; Higgins Ct., 1; Bow St., 4; Cushing Road Extension, 1; King St., 1; total, 15	23.88		
		601.08	
May, 359 60-c.p. at $1.50	$538.50		
12 250-c.p. at $5.10	61.20		
		599.70	
June, lights as above		599.70	
July, lights as above		599.70	
August, same as in July	$599.70		
Elm Court, 2 lights 2 d	.29		
		599.99	

Sept., 361 60-c.p. at $1.50.....	$541.50		
12 250-c.p. at $5.10.....	61.20		
		$602.70	
Oct., Nov. and Dec., same as in Sept., 3 months at $602.70.....		1,808.10	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Acct.....			$192.57
Total for Street Lights.....		$7,142.57	$7,142.57

FORE RIVER BRIDGE — MAINTENANCE

(Chapters 230 and 753, Acts of 1911)

Appropriation.....			270.00
Paid William L. Foster, treasurer, Ass'ts 47 (1916, $30), 48, 49, 50 and 51, 5 at $30		$150.00	
Balance to treasury.....		120.00	
		$270.00	$270.00

HARBOR MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....			$600.00
Expenditures:			
Harbor Masters, two at $50...		$100.00	
Town Wharf grounds, care of, 1917.....		47.60	
Floats, runs and buoys:			
Labor, general.....	$129.00		
Paint, rope, etc.....	69.56		
		198.56	
Repairs to wiring, Town Wharf		39.17	
New run, labor and material, $18.70; lumber, $23.31...		42.01	

Total for Harbor Maintenance		$427.34	
Balance to treasury		172.66	
		$600.00	$600.00

CHARITIES — COHASSET HOME

Appropriation, including "Outside Poor," "Gen'l Administration," Insurance ($600), and District Nurse ($300)			$8,900.00
See Recapitulation, after General Administration.			
Receipts:			
James H. Pinkham, Supt. (balance over payments, see account at end) Board	$274.50		
Clothes	6.50		
Produce (balance)	19.59		
		$300.59	
Board		100.00	
			400.59
Expenditures:			
Superintendent, services		$600.00	
Superintendent, expenses, fare		.50	
Telephone		30.60	
Light		41.55	
Fuel		547.83	
Medical services (1916, $2)		3.50	
Drugs and medicines (1916, $10.95)		51.79	
Nursing		60.00	
Funerals (1916, $40)		80.00	
Hospital bed		35.00	
Groceries, meats and general supplies (1916, $182.38)		871.00	
Grain (1916, $34.90)		332.10	
Clothing (1916, $14.79)		62.63	

General supplies — seed, hardware, fertilizer, etc. (1916, $3.40)		$217.11
Ice (1916, $29.36)		62.42
Buildings, maintenance of		95.92
Insurance, on house:		
E. N. Tower, agent	$212.50	
George F. Sargent, Jr., agent	212.50	
		425.00
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation ($600)		8.28
Misc. labor, haying, etc		129.00
Misc. labor, filling flower bed		8.00
Misc. labor, tonsorial work		3.30
Horse, team, etc. (1916, $11.85)		81.36
Cow, purchase of		100.00
Paid for "Home," through Town Treasurer		$3,846.89
Paid for "Home," through Superintendent, see his account		128.16
Total paid		$3,975.05
Deduct receipts of Town Treasurer		400.59
Net Cost, 1917		$3,574.46
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):		
Joseph St. John, newspapers		4.80
F. W. Browne, drugs		6.36
Minot Market, food supplies		2.57
C. H. Trott Co., food supplies		16.83
M. J. Merriam, clothing		23.57
Louis Levine, clothing		3.02
F. J. Story, grain		30.80
		$87.95

JAMES H. PINKHAM, SUPERINTENDENT
In Account with TOWN OF COHASSET

Dr.		
Cash for board		$274.50
Clothes		6.50
Sale of cow		15.00
Pasture, cows		40.00
Pasture stone		33.25
Produce		59.50
Cr.		
Food supplies	$7.07	
Labor	56.90	
Misc. supplies and express	25.19	
Laundry	39.00	
	$128.16	
Balance to Town Treasury	300.59	
	$428.75	$428.75

CHARITIES — OUTSIDE POOR

(Names not published; see Chapter 412, Acts of 1910.)

For appropriation, see Cohasset Home account and Recapitulation after General Administration.

Receipts:			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, account Mothers' Aid			$95.23
Town of Scituate, account Mothers' Aid			296.97
Reimbursement, from Probation Officer			200.00
Reimbursement, from an individual			20.00
			$612.20
Expenditures:			
Town Aid, cash	$456.00		
Other cash aid	978.00		
		$1,434.00	

Relief given by other places:		
City of Brockton (1916) . . .	$431.71	
Town of Hingham (1916) . . .	196.50	
Town of Winthrop	101.34	
		$729.55
Medical attendance:		
Town physician, Dr. George Osgood, $64; transportation, $4.24	$68.24	
Dr. Frederick Hinchliffe	200.00	
	$268.24	
Other medical attendance (1916, $3)	34.00	
		302.24
Nursing:		
District Nurse	$300.00	
Other nursing	607.90	
		907.90
Drugs and medicines (1916, $14.90)		36.60
Fuel (1916, $101.59)		433.30
Rent (1916, $46)		631.00
Groceries and provisions (1916, $141.13)		622.66
Board		67.50
Clothing (1916, $26.69)		143.77
Misc. — stove (1916,) $10.50; dory, etc., 28.45		39.35
Total for Outside Poor		$5,351.87
Deduct receipts		612.20
Net for Outside Poor		$4,739.67
Unpaid bills (received after closing of books):		
F. W. Browne, drugs	$2.00	
Mrs. C. J. Pratt, milk	9.76	
F. W. Wheelwright, milk	21.96	

H. L. Brown, fuel, kerosene oil.	$5.80	
Lincoln Bros. Coal Co., fuel...	18.63	
Cohasset Supply Co., groceries, etc.....	8.76	
Mrs. Julia Lee, rent.....	30.00	
		$96.91

CHARITIES — GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The appropriation for " Home " and " Outside Poor " accounts also covers this account

Receipts: Reimbursement.....		$8.00
Expenditures:		
Overseers, three at $133.33 each.....	$399.99	
Stamps and stationery.....	3.21	
Appraisal of property.....	3.00	
Transportation (1916, $12) ...	24.75	
Total for Gen'l Adm.....	$430.95	

RECAPITULATION OF POOR ACCOUNTS

Appropriation for the three accounts brought forward..		$8,900.00
Amounts through Town Treasury:		
General Administration (paid and received).....	$430.95	8.00
Outside Poor (paid and received).....	5,351.87	612.20
Cohasset Home (paid and received.....	3,846.89	400.59
Balance to treasury.....	291.08	
	$9,920.79	$9,920.79

Cost of Poor, three accounts as above	$9,629.71	
Add amount paid by Superintendent of Home, see his account	128.16	
Total cost of Poor, including insurance on Home and District Nurse	$9,757.87	
The " Net " cost of poor in 1917 was $8737.08, including the unpaid bills of 1916 paid in 1917.		

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF

Appropriation		$850.00
Expenditures:		
City of Brockton (1916)	$100.65	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Soldiers' Exemptions	46.43	
Payrolls and other payments	599.93	
Total for Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	$747.01	
Balance to treasury	102.99	
	$850.00	$850.00
Unpaid bill (Cohasset Supply Co., meats	$4.00	

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation	$200.00
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
State Aid	574.00
Military Aid	120.00

Expenditures:			
State Aid (Civil War)	$392.00		
State Aid (German War)	544.00		
		$936.00	
Military Aid		240.00	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to "Agency"			$282.00
Total for State and Military Aid		$1,176.00	$1,176.00

EDUCATION

Appropriation, for general maintenance			$37,525.00
Receipts:			
Treasurer of Norfolk County, dog licenses, 1916		$380.32	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, account Industrial School		36.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, account State Wards		70.80	
Volunteer Veteran Firemen's Association, for printing		1.00	
South Shore Greenhouses, reimbursement		1.50	
School lunches	$313.35		
Practical Arts Department	30.98		
Books	3.80		
Junk	5.85		
		353.98	
Cohasset Savings Bank, interest Ripley Fund		104.06	
			947.66
Expenditures:			
School Committee (services for):			
S. C. Lary, Secretary, services	$25.00		

Clerical work for Secretary (S. N. Ripley)	$6.25	
School Accountant	50.00	
School Census	30.00	
Clerk to Superintendent	263.00	
		$374.25
School Committee (expenses):		
School reports	$25.00	
Accountant's blanks (two sets)	1.56	
Melville C. Freeman, speaker	15.96	
Chairman, expenses	2.10	
Stamped envelopes	10.77	
Transportation	11.50	
		66.89
Telephones:		
Osgood School	$58.76	
S. C. Lary, Superintendent	31.44	
		90.20
Superintendent, services	$950.00	
Superintendent, Truant Officer, services	50.00	
		1,000.00
Superintendent (expenses):		
Stamps and stationery	$18.00	
Transportation	5.70	
Personal traveling expenses	103.92	
		127.62
Supervisors, transportation		68.45
Teachers' salaries:		
Supervisors	$500.00	
Principal	1,370.00	
High	4,750.59	
Elementary (including payment to an unassigned teacher)	11,062.81	
		17,683.40

Textbooks and supplies:		
Books	$844.84	
Supplies	3,390.52	
		$4,235.36
Janitors' services		1,249.13
Fuel		2,779.12
Buildings and grounds, maintenance of, including light and power		2,849.18
Libraries		10.54
Health (reported under "Health and Sanitation" to State)		117.65
Transportation:		
Elmer E. Bates	$2,708.00	
C. H. Stoughton	925.00	
F. W. Wheelwright	740.00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.	391.00	
H. F. Tilden	195.50	
South Shore Garage	2.10	
		4,961.60
Tuition to other places		71.25
Sundries:		
Christmas	20.52	
Graduation	77.05	
Exhibition of pigs at Town Hall	33.32	
Advertising bids	3.63	
Misc. carting, etc	22.07	
Insurance:		
On the school property, $1114.58; Workmen's Compensation, $5.50	1,120.08	
Rent, Bates Building	100.00	
		1,376.67
Outlay:		
Buildings (1916, E. Nichols, $130.03)	$574.03	
New equipment	328.89	
		902.92

Total for Schools, general...		$37964.23	
Balance to treasury.....		508.43	
		$38,472.66	$38,472.66
Unpaid bills (received after closing of the books):			
Express, school supplies, etc..	$4.71		
Supplies.....	19.04		
Fuel.....	5.88		
Buildings, etc.....	161.01		
Health.....	37.50		
Tuition, Hingham.....	30.00		
	$258.14		

EDUCATION — SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Appropriation.....			$200.00
Expenditures:			
Wright & Ditson, supplies....		$171.11	
William Read & Sons, supplies		8.39	
M. J. Sullivan.....		.22	
South Shore Garage, transportation.....		4.00	
Total for School Athletics...		$183.72	
Balance to treasury.....		16.28	
		$200.00	$200.00

LIBRARIES

Appropriation.....			$2,250.00
Expenditures:			
Rev. William R. Cole, Treasurer Paul Pratt Memorial Library.....		$2,150.00	
Mrs. Ada F. Faxon, Treasurer Nantasket Branch Library		100.00	
		$2,250.00	$2,250.00

TOWN COMMONS

Appropriation (Town)			$900.00
Appropriation (State; Town's proportion of cost of Metropolitan Parks)			198.67
Receipts:			
Merchants' National Bank, Boston, interest on H. W. Wadleigh Fund		$43.56	
Mass. Trust Co., interest on Wadleigh Fund		100.00	
Cohasset Savings Bank, interest:			
Billings-Pratt Park	$40.40		
Common at Center	46.46		
		86.86	
			230.42
Expenditures:			
Labor, general ($16.80 Wadleigh Park)		$578.60	
Labor, Wheelwright Park		78.80	
Labor, care Billings-Pratt Park		38.00	
Other parks (B. F. Crane, labor, $15.70, 1916)		303.25	
Supplies, general (1916, $2.20)		27.72	
Repairs on lawn mowers (1916, $1.70)		16.95	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation		12.60	
Total for Town Commons (Town)		$1,055.92	
Metropolitan Parks, maintenance		198.67	
		$1,254.59	
Balance to treasury		74.50	
		$1,329.09	1,329.09

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation			$350.00
Paid Cyrus H. Bates, Commander of Henry Bryant Post 98, G. A. R.	$350.00		
Paid Stetson Shoe Co. Band, extra services		$20.00	
Balance over appropriation to Incd. Acct			20.00
		$370.00	$370.00

PHILANDER BATES — ANNUITY

Appropriation		$300.00
Paid Philander Bates	$300.00	

INCIDENTALS

(Unclassified, etc.)

Appropriation (including 17 60-c.p. street lights — see Electric Street Lights account)		$2,750.00
Receipts:		
Genealogical histories (4)	$12.08	
Narrative histories (3)	10.50	
The Oaks Farm, rent of gravel pit lot	40.00	
		62.58
Expenditures (unclassified):		
Town clock, care of	$30.00	
Town Flag, care of	194.35	
Town Reports, delivering, express and postage	21.81	
G. A. R. Hall, rope, etc.	1.52	
Gulf Mill Dam, care of	5.00	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	18.35	
Total Unclassified	$271.03	

Transfers from:			
Law	$156.45		
Town Hall	475.39		
Water for Hydrants, etc.	394.25		
Police Department	338.02		
Fire Department	333.03		
Fire Department, Selectmen	2.75		
Tree Warden	60.84		
Deputy Fish and Game Warden	50.00		
Highways, Selectmen	149.25		
Removing Snow	61.17		
Electric Street Lights	192.57		
Memorial Day	20.00		
Cemeteries	46.87		
Public Service Enterprise, North Cohasset Post-office building	47.90		
Public Service Enterprise, Guild Hall (V. V. F. A.)	40.00		
		$2,368.49	
Total for Incidentals, etc.		$2,639.52	
Balance to treasury		173.06	
		$2,812.58	$2,812.58

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Services for individuals, charged to departments, which are reimbursed.

No appropriation		
Receipts		$465.00
Expenditures	$481.38	
Balance over receipts to "Agency"		16.38
	$481.38	$481.38

CEMETERIES

No appropriation		
Receipts:		
From sale of lots and graves...		$169.80
Care of lots.....		41.50
Standing grass.....		5.00
		$216.30
Expenditures:		
Telephone (B. F. Morse).....	$14.04	
Writing deeds.....	3.50	
Labor.....	240.10	
Supplies.....	1.75	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation ($300).....	3.78	
Balance over receipts to Incd. Acct.....		46.87
Total for Cemeteries.....	$263.17	$263.17

INTEREST

Appropriation (Town).....			$1,800.00
Appropriation (State, Metropolitan Parks Loan).....			91.98
Received:			
On deferred taxes.....		$487.24	
On bank deposits.....		390.98	
			878.22
Paid:			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Parks Loan.....		$91.98	
First National Bank, Boston, on $28,000 bonds, one year at 4%.....		1,120.00	
Anticipation of Taxes — Rockland Trust Co.:			
Note No. 22, at 3.40%.....	$67.22		

Note No. 23, at 3.43%, $262.98; on $15,000, 18 days, at 4%, $30	292.98		
Note No. 24, at 3.61%, $214.61; extra int. $11.12	225.73		
Note No. 25, at 3.61%; extra int. $22	236.61		
Note No. 26, at 3.73%	383.89		
Note No. 27, at 3.73%	255.92		
Note No. 28, at 3.90%; additional $20	122.92		
Note No. 29, 4.10%; additional $3.33	143.43		
		1,728.70	
Balance over appropriation and receipts to "Agency"			170.48
Total for Interest		$2,940.68	$2,940.68

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

North Cohasset Postoffice Building

No appropriation			
Receipts, from rent			$100.00
Expenditures:			
Painting — contract, W. J. Coombs	$115.00		
Tarring roof — labor, $6; 5 gals, tar, $4.50	10.50		
		$125.50	
Repairing roof		6.00	
Labor, lumber, etc		16.40	
Balance over receipts to Incd. Acct			47.90
Total for North Cohasset Postoffice Building		$147.90	$147.90

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

Guild Hall

No appropriation		
Receipts, from rent		$100.00
Expenditures:		
Shingling roof — contract, Litchfield-Lincoln Co.	$140.00	
Balance over receipts to Incd. Acct.		40.00
Total for Guild Hall	$140.00	$140.00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds from Revenue

Appropriation		$8,000.00
Paid First National Bank, Boston, for eight $1000 4% bonds maturing October 1, 1917	$8,000.00	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans

No appropriation	
Received:	
From Rockland Trust Co., anticipation of taxes:	
Note No. 22 for $8000 (Note No. 21 void), dated Feb. 15, 1917 (under provisions of Chap. 83, Acts of 1915), due May 15, less discount at 3.40%	$7,932.78
Note No. 23, $15,000, dated Mar. 12, due Sept. 12, less discount at 3.43%	14,737.02

Note No. 24, $10,000, dated Mar. 12, due Oct. 12, less discount at 3.61%.....		$9,785.39
Note No. 25, $10,000, dated Mar. 12, due Oct. 12, less discount at 3.61%.....		9,785.39
Note No. 26, $15,000, dated Mar. 12, due Nov. 12, less discount at 3.73%.....		14,616.11
Note No. 27, $10,000, dated Mar. 12, due Nov. 12, less discount at 3.73%.....		9,744.08
Note No. 28, $10,000, dated July 12, due Oct. 13, less discount at 3.90%.....		9,897.08
Note No. 29, $10,000, dated July 12, due Dec. 12, less discount at 4.10%.....		9,859.90
Paid:		
Rockland Trust Co. (discount charged to Interest Account):		
Note No. 22 (see description above).....	$7,932.78	
Note No. 23 (see description above).....	14,737.02	
Note No. 24 (see description above).....	9,785.39	
Note No. 25 (see description above.....	9,785.39	
Notes Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29 (see description above)...	44,117.17	
	$86,357.75	$86,357.75

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Metropolitan Parks Sinking Fund Requirements

Appropriation (State).....		$15.88
Paid Treasury Department, Commonwealth of Mass..	15.88	

AGENCY

Including amounts received for and paid from Corporation Tax Account, Licenses, etc.

Appropriation (State Tax)			$21,120.00
Appropriation (County Tax)			8,282.35
Received, from State, Corporation Tax:			
1916, Public Service	$78.68		
1916, Bank Tax	36.47		
		$115.15	
1917, Public Service	$3,974.93		
1917, Business	399.46		
1917, National Bank Tax	2,429.11		
		6,803.50	
From Commonwealth Department of Weights and Measures:			
Account peddlers' licenses (4)		32.00	
Licenses (Town):			
Milk (12)	$6.00		
Slaughter (3)	3.00		
Auctioneers' (2)	4.00		
Registration of gasolene (5)	2.50		
Oleomargarine (1)	.50		
Junk, 1916 (4), $40; 1917 (6), $60	100.00	116.00	
			7,066.65
Paid:			
State Treasurer, State Tax, 1917		21,120.00	
Treasurer of Norfolk County, County Tax, 1917		8,282.35	
		$29,402.35	
Balance over payments		7,066.65	
		$36,469.00	$36,469.00

Balance from "Agency" forward:		$7,066.65
Charges against above balance:		
Moth Supression	$2,295.22	
State and Military Aid (over appropriation and receipts)	282.00	
Telephones for Individuals	16.38	
Interest (over appropriation and receipts)	170.48	
Refunds	2.38	
	$2,766.46	
Balance to treasury	4,300.19	
	$7,066.65	$7,066.65

REFUNDS

Paid:		
Poll tax, interest, etc., to "Agency"	$2.38	

TRUST

Wheelwright Bequest to Town for Investment, Income to be applied to Wheelwright Park for Maintenance.

Received:		
From L. H. H. Johnson, Administrator estates of Edward Wheelwright, his widow, Isaphene, and Henry A. Wheelwright		$15,000.00
From Massachusetts Trust Co., income		50.00
Paid:		
Labor at Wheelwright Park (see Town Commons account for balance of labor)	$50.00	
Balance (see report on Trust Funds after "Recapitulation")	$15,000.00	
	$15,050.00	$15,050.00

RESERVE FUND

Under Chapter 823, Acts of 1913

April Tax Assessments

1913 — Deficit Jan. 1, 1917.....	$22,991.77
Charges against in 1917, poll abated.....	2.00
Deficit Jan. 1, 1918.....	$22,993.77
1914 — Deficit Jan. 1, 1917.....	2,131.86
Charges against in 1917, polls abated.....	12.00
Deficit Jan. 1, 1918.....	$2,143.86
1915 — Balance Jan. 1, 1917...	2,011.66
Charges against in 1917, real, personal and polls abated	117.76
Balance Jan. 1, 1918.....	$1,893.90
1916 — Balance Jan. 1, 1917...	2,996.00
Charges against in 1917, real, personal, poll and moth taxes abated.....	257.38
Balance Jan. 1, 1918.....	$2,738.62
1917 — Overlay, see Assessors' Report.....	3,095.78
Charges against in 1917, real, personal, poll and moth taxes abated.....	506.81
Balance Jan. 1, 1918.....	$2,588.97

DECEMBER ASSESSMENTS

1913 — Balance Jan. 1, 1916, 1917 and 1918.....		$8,433.64
1914 — Balance Jan. 1, 1916 and 1917.....	$4,272.55	
Charges against in 1917, personal abated.....	31.50	
Balance Jan. 1, 1918.....		4,241.05

1915 — Balance Jan. 1, 1917 and 1918		$1,011.03
1916 — Committed to Tax Collector	$1,158.53	
Charges against in 1917, personal abated	330.00	
Balance Jan. 1, 1918		828.53
1917 — Committed to Tax Collector, real estate		117.45

Accounts of 1917	Page	Total Amount Paid	Appropriations	Receipts	Balance to Treasury	To "Agency"
Town officers, including Tax Collector	39	$5,920.87	$6,200.00	$51.45	$330.58	
Law—Legal Counsel, $156.45 to Incidental account	40	456.45	300.00			
Engineering—Maintenance	41	106.58	300.00		193.42	
Engineering—Outlay	41	1,000.00	1,000.00	4.00	4.00	
Town Hall—$475.39 to Incidental account	41	3,082.20	1,775.00	831.81		
Printing	43	691.92	800.00	14.00	122.08	
Water for Hydrants and Public Buildings, $394.25 to Incidental account	43	5,044.25	4,650.00			
Police Department, $338.02 to Incidental account	44	4,901.70	4,250.00	313.68		
Pub'ic Safety Committee—expenses (appropriation of May 16)	46	499.77	500.00		.23	
Fire Department—General, $333.03 to Incidental account	47	5,593.45	5,150.00			
Fire Department—Selectmen, $2.75 to Incidental account	50	2.75				
Forest Fires—Balance of $110.42 to Fire Department for services	50	389.58	500.00			
Moth Suppression—$74.08, transferred from Tree Warden (balance over to "Agency"	50	10,096.14	4,202.08	3,524.76		2,295.22

Tree Warden—$74.08 transferred to Moth Suppression, $60.84 to Incidental account	53	$859.39	$800.00	$72.63	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	54	189.13	200.00		$10.87
Inspection of Wires	54	500.00	500.00		
Deputy Fish and Game Warden—$50 to Incidental account	54	50.00			
Board of Health	55	814.40	1,464.00		649.60
Straits Pond, Cat Dam and James Brook	56	940.94	1,000.00		59.06
Inspection of Animals	57	125.00	125.00		
State Highway	57	1,076.19	1,076.19		
Highways and Oiling Streets	57	23,099.93	22,000.00	1,105.32	5.39
Highways—Selectmen, $149.25 to Incidental account	59	149.25			
Highways—Pleasant Street widening	59	560.80	600.00		39.20
Highways—Jerusalem Road Committee, expenses	60	11.50	50.00		38.50
Highways—Repairs to Cunningham's Bridge	60	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Highways—Scarifier	60	542.00	650.00		108.00
Highways—Removing snow $61.17 to Incidental Account	61	2,061.17	2,000.00		
Highways—Electric Street Lights, $192.57 to Incidental account	61	7,142.57	6,950.00		
Highways—Fore River Bridge	62	150.00	270.00		120.00
Harbor Maintenance	62	427.34	600.00		172.66

RECAPITULATION AND INDEX — *Continued.*

Accounts of 1917	Page	Total Amount Paid	Appropriations	Receipts	Balance to Treasury	To "Agency"
Charities—Cohasset Home	63	$3,846.89		$400.59		
Charities—Outside Poor	65	5,351.87	$8,900.00	612.20	$291.08	
Charities—General Administration	67	430.95		8.00		
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	68	747.01	850.00		102.99	
State and Military Aid—$282.00 to "Agency"	68	1,176.00	200.00	694.00		$282.00
Education—General and Transportation (tuition, City of Quincy)	69	37,964 23	37,525.00	947.66	508.43	
Education—School Athletics	72	183.72	200.00		16.28	
Libraries	72	2,250.00	2,250.00			
Town Commons—Nantasket Maint.	73	198.67	198 67			
Town Commons—General Maintenance	73	1,055.92	900.00	230.42	74.50	
Memorial Day—$20.00 to Incidental account	74	370.00	350.00			
Philander Bates Annuity	74	300.00	300.00			
Incidentals—Unclassified, $271.03	74					
Incidentals—Transfers $2,368.49	75	271.03	2,750.00	62.58	173.06	
Telephones for Individuals, $16.38 to "Agency"	75	481.38		465.00		16.38
Cemeteries $46.87 to Incidental account	76	263.17		216.30		
Interest—Metropolitan Parks	76	91.98	91.98			
Interest—General, $170.48 to "Agency"	76	2,848.70	1,800.00	878.22		170.48

Public Service Enterprises—North Cohasset Post Office Building, $47.90 to Incidental account	77	$147.90		$100.00		
Public Service Enterprises—Guild Hall, $40.00 to Incidental account	78	140.00		100.00		
Municipal Indebtedness—Bonds from Revenue	78	8,000.00	$8,000.00			
Municipal Indebtedness—Anticipation of Tax Loans	79	86,357.75		86,357.75		
Municipal Indebtedness—Met. Skg. Fd.	79	15.88	15 88			
Agency—Corporation Tax, Licenses, Transfers, $2766.46	80			7,066.65	$4,300.19	
Agency—State Tax	80	21,120.00	21,120.00			
Agency—County Tax	80	8,282.35	8,282.35			
Refunds, $2.38 to " Agency "	81	2.38				
Trust—Wheelwright Park	81	50.00		15,050.00		
Reserve Fund of 1917—balance, $2,588.97	82					
		$259,933.05	$163,146.15	$119,107.02	$7,320.12	$2,766.46

Cash payments of 1917 forward	$259,933.05	Receipts from Taxes, including " Income "	$153,255.85	
Abatements	1,257.45	Receipts from other sources, not including transfer	119,107.02	
Transfer—from Tree Warden to Moth Suppression	74.08	Transfer, as noted	74.08	
Total Warrants drawn on treasury	$261,264.58	Total receipts, 1917	$272,436.95	
		Receipts as above, not including transfer		$272,362.87
		Deduct " Trust " receipts (principal)		15,000.00
		Available receipts		$257,362.87
		Add cash balance of January 1, 1917		5,465.41
				$262,828.28
		Cash payments, forward		259,933.05
		Cash balance January 1, 1918		$2,895.23

PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS — SCHOOLS

Ripley Fund:		
On hand Jan. 1, 1917		$1,061.20
Dividends earned in 1917		42.86
		$1,104.06
Received by Town for credit of Schools		104.06
On hand Jan. 1, 1918		$1,000.00
James W. Nichols Fund:		
On hand Jan. 1, 1917		2,080.80
Dividends earned in 1917		84.04
On hand Jan. 1, 1918		$2,164.84

PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS — PARKS

Robert Charles Billings Fund:		
On hand Jan. 1, 1917		$2,150.00
Dividends earned in 1917:		
Billings-Pratt Park	$40.40	
Town Commons (Center)	46.46	
		86.86
		2,236.86
Received by Town in 1917 from above funds, credit of Town Commons account		86.86
On hand Jan. 1, 1918		$2,150.00
Horace W. Wadleigh Fund:		
On hand Jan. 1, 1917		$5,000.00
Dividends earned in 1917		143.56
		$5,143.56

Received by Town in 1917, from above funds, credit of Town Commons account	$143.56
On hand Jan. 1, 1918.....	$5,000.00
Wheelwright Park Fund:	
Received from estates, bequest to Town for investment..	$15,000.00
Dividends earned in 1917	50.00
	$15,050.00
Received by Town for credit of maintenance of Wheelwright Park (see "Trust," page 81)	50.00
On hand Jan. 1, 1918.....	$15000.00

(In the above fund dividends were earned in 1917, payable in January, 1918, too late to be reported here.)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN 1916 AND BEFORE, PAID IN 1917

Town Hall.....		$73.14
Police Department.....		96.06
Fire Department.....		151.89
Forest Fires.....		1.40
Moth Suppression.....		9.00
Inspection of Wires.....		12.25
Board of Health.....		9.75
James Brook.....		9.65
Highways, general.....		100.55
Fore River Bridge.....		30.00
Charities, Cohasset Home.....	$356.63	
Charities, Outside Poor.....	972.02	
Charities, General Admn.....	12.00	
		1,340.65

Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief.....		$110.90
Education, general (fuel, $295.73; miscellaneous, $75.91)...	$371.64	
Education, Outlay, fire alarm...	282.00	
Education, Outlay, E. Nichols...	130.03	
		783.67
Town Commons.....		24.60
Incidentals, Unclassified.....		3.00
		$2,756.51

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN 1917, NOT PAID JAN. 1, 1918

For detail, see various accounts:		
Town Officers.....		$74.75
Town Hall.....		27.65
Police Department.....		.75
Public Safety Committee....		5.85
Fire Department.....		110.15
Forest Fires.....		6.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures		15.51
Board of Health.....		7.75
Cat Dam, Outlay.....		4.75
Charities, Cohasset Home....	$87.95	
Charities, Outside Poor.....	96.91	
		184.86
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief...		4.00
Education, general.....		258.14
		$700.91

LIABILITIES OF COHASSET, AS OF JANUARY 1, 1918

$20,000 coupon 4% bonds, issue of 1911, payable to the First National Bank, Boston, as follows:

Oct. 1, 1918	Oct. 1, 1919	Oct. 1, 1920
$8,000.00	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

INSURANCE

Property	*Amount*	*Expires* 1918	*Last Premium Paid*
Town Hall	$1,500.00	Apr. 12	$60.75
own Hall	2,000.00	Apr. 17	81.00
Town Hall	1,500.00	Apr. 17	60.75
	$5,000.00		$202.50
Police Department:			
Liability, $10,000.00			$35.09
Fire and Theft, 300.00	10,300.00	May 26	12.75
			$47.84
Moth Department	2,000.00	June 1	50.00
Highway Dept., on boilers	4,000.00	Mar. 10	44.40
G. A. R. Hall	1,000.00	Oct. 18	22.50
Employees' Compensation	20,600.00	Apr. 27	599.45

BALANCE SHEET — COHASSET —1917

RECEIPTS

Revenue,		
General:		
Real and personal (tangible) taxes, 1917	$68,877.16	
Income tax (intangible personal) from State	71,229.79	
Poll taxes for 1917	1,148.00	$141,254.95
Real and personal, 1916 and previous	$11,612.10	
Poll, 1916 and previous	388.80	12,000.90
From the State, see "Agency"		$6,918.65
Licenses, general, including $32 from State Department, Weights and Measures	$148.00	

Licenses on dogs, from County	$380.32		
From court, fines	101.10	$629.42	
			$160,803.92
Commercial (including the transfer of $74.08)			10,271.28
Offset to Outlay			4.00
Municipal Indebtedness, temporary loans			86,357.75
Trust, Wheelwright Park bequest			15,000.00
Total Receipts, including transfer			$272,436.95
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917			5,465.41
Grand Total			$277,902.36

PAYMENTS

Maintenance, including the transfer of $74.08.		$130,570.46	
Interest on bonds, temporary loans, etc		2,940.68	
			$133,511.14
Debt, bonds from revenue.		$8,000.00	
Debt, Metropolitan Sinking Fund		15.88	
Debt, temporary loans		86,357.75	
			$94,373.63
Outlays			2,717.63
Agency, State Tax		$21,120.00	
Agency, County Tax		8,282.35	
			29,402.35
Trust, Wheelwright Park Fund, to investment			15,000.00
Refund, erroneous receipt on account of taxes			2.38
			$275,007.10

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1918.....	2,895.23
Grand total.....	$277,902.36

The above does not include abatements of 1917, $1,257.45.

FIXED PROPERTY

OUTLAY, 1917

Additions to schedules given in reports of previous seven years.

Engineering, Tax Survey..		$1,000.00
Cat Dam, new gate.....		814.71
Highways, scarifier, $542 (might, perhaps, be described as "Outlay," not included, however)		
Education, on account of buildings.....	574.03	
Education, on account of new equipment.....	328.89	
		902.92
		$2,717.63

OFFSET TO OUTLAY

Engineering — Tax Survey, receipts on account of plans.....	$4.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. STEVENS,
Auditor and Town Accountant

Cohasset, January 18, 1918.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Cohasset:

In presenting to you the report of our stewardship for the year 1917 we feel that to deal with all the serious and distressing problems and situations which have confronted this Board would be unnecessary, as the conditions which have existed are familiar to you, and we simply wish to express the hope that our endeavors to meet and dispose of them in a fair and impartial manner meets with your approval, both from a practical and financial standpoint.

The Wheelwright bequest consisting of about eighty acres of wood and pasture land, located between North Main Street and Forest Avenue, has been adjusted to the satisfaction of the Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen and accepted in accordance with the vote of the Town and the fund bequeathed for maintenance of the property as a public park has been placed in savings banks on interest at four per cent or better.

The original land bequeathed had a frontage of about 130 feet on North Main Street, which was below the grade of the street and on a slope to a pond, which gave a very narrow and poor entrance and would have required extensive filling and grading to have made a safe road of proper width to the main portion of the premises, and a proposition was received by us from Mrs. Herbert A. Tucker, owner of the adjoining land, to straighten the irregular boundray line between this parcel and that owned by her, by an exchange of land, which was adjusted by an exchange deed, whereby the Town surrendered claim to about five (5) acres on North Main Street and received from Mrs. Tucker about ten (10) acres adjoining and next north of the Wheelwright property, giving the Town a frontage of about 400 feet on North Main Street, of clear, level land; also straightening the boundary line between the two properties, and this Board desires to extend to Mrs. Tucker their appreciation of

her courtesy and generosity in bringing about this improved condition of the park property.

The several duties imposed on this Board at the last annual meeting have been executed, with the exception of repairing Cat Dam Gate, which had to be abandoned before completion on account of the early appearance of the cold weather, and the work should be completed as soon as suitable weather permits.

The dam at Gulf Mill was carried away by a high tide last fall, due principally to the condition of the gate supports and frame which were old, having been installed several years ago, and had become eaten out by marine insects. It is our recommendation that a new gate be built and installed during the coming year, and the necessary amount of money raised and appropriated at the next annual meeting in March.

On April 4, 1917, a public meeting was called to take such action as the citizens desired toward forming a Public Safety Committee, for the protection of the Town and to prepare for the questions which would necessarily arise in event of war being declared. The matter was left with the Selectmen, who appointed the following committees:

Cohasset Committee on Public Safety. Board of Selectmen and Chairmen of Sub-Committees Acting as General Committee

Edward L. Stevens, Clerk.

Sub-Committees

Executive Committee: Harry E. Mapes, Chairman; Herbert L. Brown, Darius W. Gilbert, Edward L. Stevens, Town Accountant, acting as Clerk. *Finance:* Charles W. Gammons, Chairman; James Dean, Secretary; Clarence W. Barron, Edwin L. Furber, Herbert A. Tucker. *Co-ordination of Aid Societies:* Dr. Oliver H. Howe, Chairman; George W. Collier, Secretary; Mrs. Morton S. Crehore, Mrs. Henry B. Pennell, Mrs. Dean K. James. *Food Supplies, Production and Conservation:* Manuel A. Grassie, Chairman; G. Hovey Dodge, Secretary; George Jason, William H. McGaw, Charles H. Trott, Thomas L. Grassie, Walter S. Kerr, Elmer E. Bates, William W. Bates, Edwin W.

Bates, Joseph E. Grassie. *Publicity:* Edward E. H. Souther, Chairman. *Protection of Public Works:* Thomas L. Bates, Chairman; George Jason, Jr., Secretary; Henry E. Brennock, Daniel N. Tower, Harry R. Pratt, George B. Gough. *Home Guard:* Henry B. Pennell, Chairman; Harry S. Parker, Secretary; Dudley S. Dean, Thomas F. Stoddard, Edward F. Willcutt. *Recruiting:* Stanley C. Lary, Chairman; Roscoe H. Tisdale, Secretary; Rev. Howard K. Bartow, J. Wentworth Earle, Everett W. Gammons, Alexander S. Hiltz, Thomas J. Murphy. *Horses:* Marshall S. P. Williams, Chairman; Harry F. Tilden, Clerk; Thomas J. Ayers, Arthur A. Davenport, Henry L. Willard. *Trucks and Motor Cars:* Anselm L. Beal, Chairman; Fred M. Grassie, Secretary; E. Harold Brown, Thomas J. Lyons, Ernest C. Ruiter, Alfred M. Silvia.

The Selectmen desire to take this opportunity to extend to the members of the above committees their sincere appreciation of their prompt response, efficient work and wonderful results accomplished.

The Board desires to record below the result of the work of the " Committee on Home Guard," which has developed into a Company of the Massachusetts State Guard, and reflects great credit on the committee and honor to the Town. The organization comprises the following citizens as of December 31, 1917:

State Guard, Company G (37th), 14th Regiment, Cohasset, Mass.

H. B. Pennell, Captain	J. E. Keefe, Corporal
H. S. Parker, 1st Lieutenant	William B. Long, Corporal
D. S. Dean, 2d Lieutenant	E. F. Otis, Corporal
R. W. Menard, 1st Sergeant	William Reid, Jr., Corporal
J. W. Tuckerman, 2d Sergeant	T. F. Stoddard, Corporal
D. K. James, 3d Sergeant	F. C. Allen, Private
E. F. Willcutt, 4th Sergeant	P. Bailey, Private, Scituate
H. B. Tower, Supply Sergeant	R. A. Bates, Private
E. W. Gammons, Mess Sergt.	E. Bush, Private, Scituate
A. Beal, Corporal	G. W. Collier, Private
J. Dean, Corporal	E. Craven, Private
H. A. Johnson, Corporal	W. R. Cole, Private

R. Damon, Private, Scituate
J. H. Davis, Private
D. F. Donovan, Private
Joseph H. Donovan, Private
A. S. Enos, Private
Joseph Enos, Private
C. W. Gammons, Private
F. Hartz, Private, Scituate
E. L. Higgins
F. Hobson
Joseph Holland
P. Howe
F. E. Jason
F. T. Jason
A. W. Jones
J. F. Kendall
K. D. Ketchum
J. Levine
M. Luce
T. Lyons
J. B. May
H.B.Merritt,Scituate,Musician
William McArthur
J. McLellan
Edward Nichols
R. S. Osgood
J. Panetta, Scituate
F. A. Pearson
A. F. B. Petersen
P. A. D. Petersen
F. Ramsdell
F. Rego
R. B. Rogers
J. W. Rooney
W. Shuebruk
G. Smith
E. E. Souther
R. M. Souther
B. B. Stoddard
I. Sylvester
C. Sylva, Cook
R. K. Tisdale
B. C. Tower
G. P. Tower, Musician
F. Valine
J. A. Valine, Cook
L. Vickery, Scituate
E. S. Williams
C. H. Wood

On July 29, 1917, a special committee arranged an informal reception to the enlisted men in the service of the United States, which was held on the Common, and an appropriate program was carried out very satisfactorily, a special feature being the presentation of a souvenir badge to each of the men by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the citizens of the Town.

While the Selectmen feel that every citizen fully realizes the seriousness of the conditions which confront us at this time on account of the war, they nevertheless feel it their duty to impress upon all the supreme necessity of carefully considering all expenditures of money during the coming year, and to use

every effort to reduce to a minimum amount all moneys to be raised and appropriated at the annual meeting in March, next.

Respectfully,

HARRY E. MAPES,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
DARIUS W. GILBERT,
Board of Selectmen.

Cohasset, January 1, 1918.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ACTING AS A COMMITTEE ON GUIDEBOARDS

During the year 1917 new guideboards were erected on the following streets: Ripley Road, Cedar Street, Sohier Street, Nichols Road, Bow Street, Smith Place, Stockbridge Street, Parker Avenue, Spring Street, Pleasant Street, Church Street, Elm Street, and Joy Place.

All other guideboards have been inspected and found to be properly posted and directed.

The Selectmen desire to extend their thanks to Dr. Oliver H. Howe for his assistance in erecting the above-mentioned street signs.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. MAPES,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
DARIUS W. GILBERT,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Cohasset, December 31, 1917.

The Assessors of the Town of Cohasset herewith submit their report for the year 1917.

We again call the attention of all citizens to the new tax law requiring a return to the Assessors of all taxable real estate and tangible personal property.

We show a decrease in our personal valuation. The decrease in our personal property is due to the intangible personal property being assessed by the Tax Commissioner of the Commonwealth.

The Town has received from the State on account intangible personal property the sum of seventy-one thousand two hundred twenty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents ($71,229.79). This amount exceeds our 1916 personal valuation three thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars and thirty-nine cents.

With this increased amount, and an increase of two hundred eleven thousand two hundred forty-five dollars on real estate, your assessors are enabled to show a decrease in the tax rate of $1.50 per thousand.

Valuation of real estate, April 1, 1916	$5,267,404.00
Valuation of personal estate, April 1, 1916	4,535,560.00
Total	$9,802,964.00
Increase in real estate, 1917	$211,245.00
Decrease in personal estate, 1917	3,857,611.00
Total decrease	$3,646,366.00
Number of polls, April 1, 1917, 968	$1,936.00
Valuation $6,156,598 at $13.50	83,114.07
Fractions in making tax	4.31
Total	$85,054.38

Town Grant		$132,361.08
State Tax		21,120.00
County Tax		8,282.35
Highway Tax		1,076.19
Metropolitan Tax		306.53
		$163,146.15
Available in treasury	$10,000.00	
Estimated receipts	71,187.55	81,187.55
		$81,958.60
Overlayings		3,095.78
		$85,054.38

Valuation of real estate assessed December 20, 1917	$8,700.00	
Number of persons assessed		965
Number of persons assessed on property		998
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only		581
Number of houses assessed		836
Number of horses assesed		227
Number of cows assessed		284
Number of neat cattle assessed		60
Number of fowl assessed		1285
Number of acres land assessed		6114⅜

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT L. BROWN,
HARRY E. MAPES,
DARIUS W. GILBERT,
Assessors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Receipts.

Balance in treasury from former account		$19,757.11
Henry D. Humphrey, County Treasurer, dog license money for 1916		380.32
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as follows:		
Corporation tax, public service		4,053.61
Corporation tax, business		399.46
National Bank tax		2,465.58
State and Military Aid		694.00
Income tax		71,229.79
Department of Weights and Measures		32.00
Aid for mothers with dependent children		95.23
Account of Educational Independent Industrial Schools		36.00
State Highway Commission, on Moth account		38.70
Tuition of children		70.80
Town of Scituate, on Mother's Aid account		296.97
Net proceeds of notes for money hired in anticipation of taxes of the current year	$88,000.00	
Less discount	1,642.25	
		86,357.75
Lawrence W. Lyons, Clerk of East Norfolk District Court, fines		101.10
Miss Florence L. Beal, North Cohasset Postmistress, rent		100.00
Volunteer Veteran Firemen's Association, rent Guild Hall		100.00
Rental of Town Hall for moving picture shows		566.86
Louis J. Morris, Janitor, special income from Town Hall		235.65
Full and partial payments on Woodside Cemetery lots		166.80
Care of Woodside Cemetery lots		44.50

Town Histories and Assessors' Maps	$26.58
Rental of North Main Street field and standing grass at Woodside Cemetery	45.00
Registration of sundry persons as dealers in gasoline	2.50
Darius W. Gilbert, Inspector, for milk licenses, etc.	6.50
Irving F. Sylvester, Secretary of the Board of Health, for slaughter licenses	3.00
Two Auctioneers' licenses	4.00
Ten Junk dealers' licenses	100.00
Sundry persons, to credit of School account	356.48
Sundry persons, to credit of Telephone and Telegraph account	465.00
Sundry persons, to credit of Moth account	777.54
Sundry persons, to credit of Police account	212.58
Sundry persons, to credit of Outside Poor account	228.00
Sundry persons, to credit of Tree Warden's account	72.63
Sundry persons, to credit of Town Hall account	46.30
Sundry persons, to credit of Highway account	1,105.32
Sundry persons, to credit of Home account	400.59
Dividend on the H. W. Wadleigh Park Fund	143.56
Dividend on the Wheelwright Park Fund	50.00
Dividend on the Robert C. Billings' Park Fund	40.40
Dividend on the Robert C. Billings' Commons Fund	46.46
Dividend on the Ripley School Fund	104.06
Interest on Bank deposits	390.98
Interest on taxes collected	487.24
Summonses on taxes collected	45.20
Tax Collector's affidavits	3.25
Assessors' Tax List, committed September 12	85,054.68
Assessors' Moth List, committed with taxes	2,833.57
Assessors' Supplementary Tax List	121.45
	$280,395.10

Expenditures.

Paid orders of the Selectmen as follows:

Schools, general maintenance of	$33,002.63
Schools, conveyance of pupils	4,961.60
Schools, athletics	183.72

Public Libraries, maintenance of	$2,250.00
Highways and Sidewalks, general repairs of	24,214.23
Highways and Sidewalks, special repairs of	149.25
State Highway, special	1,076.19
Removing snow and sanding	2,061.17
Cunningham's Bridge, repairs of	1,500.00
Cohasset Home, maintenance of	3,846.89
Outside Poor department	5,782.82
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	747.01
State and Military Aid	1,176.00
Fire Department, maintenance of	5,596.20
Forest Fire Department, maintenance of	389.58
Water for hydrants and public buildings	5,044.25
Gypsy Moth Department	10,096.14
Tree Warden Department	933.47
Board of Health Department	814.40
Police Department	4,901.70
Electric Street Lights	7,142.57
Town Hall	3,082.20
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Department	189.13
Wire Inspector's Department	500.00
Deputy Game and Fish Warden's Department	50.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Printing	691.92
Straits Pond, Cat Dam and James' Brook	940.94
Harbor Maintenance	427.34
Memorial Day	370.00
Town Commons and Parks	1,105.92
Nantasket Park, on account maintenance of	198.67
Cemeteries	263.17
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co	481.38
Massachusetts State Guard, on account special appropriation	499.77
North Cohasset Post Office Building, repairs	147.90
Guild Hall, repairs of	140.00
Town Notes and Interest	89,298.43
Town Bonds, maturing in 1917	8,000.00
State Tax	21,120.00
County Tax	8,282.35

Incidentals and Refund	$273.41
Abatements on Taxes	1,257.45
Assessors' Survey and Engineering	1,106.58
Town Officers	5,920.87
Legal Counsel	456.45
Fore River Bridge, assessments towards maintenance of	150.00
Annuity Appropriation	300.00
Metropolitan Park Sinking Fund, on account of	15.88
	$261,264.58

Balance:

Unpaid taxes as follows:			
1915	$9.12		
1916	1,213.05		
1916 Moth taxes	38.09		
1917	14,645.36		
1917 Moth taxes	329.67		
		$16,235.29	
Cash on hand and deposit		2,895.23	
			$19,130.52
			$280,395.10

On June 28, last, there was received from L. H. H. Johnson, Esq., Administrator or Executor of the Estates of the late Edward Wheelwright, his widow Isaphene, and Henry A. Wheelwright, their bequest of $15,000, which has been duly invested, the income only to be available and to be applied, as may be required, towards the maintenance of the Wheelwright Park.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER,
Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Cohasset, December 31, 1917.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1917

Cohasset, January 25, 1918.

To the Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: The Board of Engineers appointed by your honorable Board for the year ending April 30, 1918, met in accordance with your instructions and organized with the following choice of officers:

Chief, Henry E. Brennock.
Assistant Chief, George Jason.
District Chief, George F. Sargent, Jr.
District Chief, Sidney L. Beal.
Clerk, Thomas A. Roche.

The Department has been called to answer 58 alarms during the past year. The buildings at the Cove are in very good condition and the heating apparatus has proved a success.

We respectfully recommend that the sum of $4000 be raised and appropriated for maintenance and salaries. We also recommend the sum of $500 for purchase of new hose. Your Board recommends the purchase of a pumping engine of 500 gallons' capacity, of a standard make.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BRENNOCK, *Chief*,
GEORGE JASON, *Assistant Chief*,
GEORGE F. SARGENT, JR.,
SIDNEY L. BEAL,
THOMAS A. ROCHE.

COMMITTEE ON ADDITIONAL FIRE PROTECTION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Cohasset, Mass.:

The Committee appointed by the Moderator under vote of the Town to investigate the need of additional fire protection for the Town of Cohasset has held several meetings, given careful study to the situation, and now wishes to report as follows:

The first step to get at the actual condition of the Town with respect to fire protection demanded a careful inspection of the Town by the New England Insurance Exchange, which exchange fixes the insurance rates of communities throughout New England, based on fire hazards and protection therefor.

Under date of July 13, 1917, Mr. John S. Caldwell, engineer of the New England Exchange, submitted his report, which is in detail, has been filed with the Board of Selectmen, and is open to the inspection of any citizen of the Town.

The report of Engineer Caldwell, following careful tests, showed that the water pressure in certain sections of the Town is insufficient for adequate fire protection.

The Water Company can hardly be expected to make radical changes in its system under the present high cost of materials and labor, unless additional revenue can be assured them to warrant the outlay.

The Water Company has signified its intention, whenever replacements are made, of putting in larger pipes in place of small pipes, and it has been further stated that the company will within a reasonable time complete their main on Ripley Road, so that if any emergency should arise shutting off the Main Street line, there would be a parallel line via Ripley Road.

Under existing conditions, the most practical remedy, in the opinion of Mr. Caldwell, is that the Town purchase a motor-driven pumping engine, and the Committee after investigation concurs with Mr. Caldwell.

In his report Engineer Caldwell makes definite recommendations as follows:

That the service be improved by installing a 750-gallon automobile combined pump, chemical engine and hose wagon (the pump to meet Exchange requirements) at the central fire station, in addition to the present automobile combination, and that the fire department be reorganized on a basis which will require four full-paid men and twenty part-paid call men.

A pumping engine of the kind Mr. Caldwell proposes will cost approximately $10,000. The Committee does not believe that the Town needs both a new pumping engine and the present automobile combination. To keep both would require the securing of additional housing for the apparatus at a very considerable expense.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that a pumping engine be purchased to replace the present automobile combination and that the latter be sold. In the opinion of the Committee, upon the installation of such a pumping engine as is proposed, two full-paid men will be required, but no more. The Committee also believes that the call men should be paid on the basis of actual service rendered.

In coming to this conclusion the Committee has had the opportunity of looking through the fire engineers' reports in various towns in Massachusetts, and has had the advantage of investigations on this same subject recently made in the towns of Wellesley, Needham and Nahant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. SEARS,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
HERBERT E. FERNALD,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS,
Committee on Fire Protection.

Cohasset, Mass., January 30, 1918.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: Your Sealer in submitting his fifth annual report would reaffirm his approval of the standard of weighing appliances now used in Cohasset and the care evidently taken both as regards its maintenance and its use. New and improved devices are added yearly, and no suggestion of your Sealer has failed to meet a ready response on the part of our merchants.

The following table will show a portion of the routine work of the department, but the detailed work regarding inspections, reweighings, licenses, etc., is of necessity omitted and is embodied in a special report to the State Commissioner.

	Adjusted	*Sealed*	*Condemned*
Scales	22	83	3
Weights	..	147	..
Measures	..	73	2
Pumps	2	7	..
Miscellaneous	..	4	..
	24	314	5

Reweighings of bread, butter, oleo, tea, coffee, raisins, and spices have been made during the year, also hay, grains, feeds, etc., and results clearly indicate that, notwithstanding high prices and the scarcity of many commodities, manufacturers are still holding to the letter of the law. Bread in every instance has exceeded the legal weight and the last reweighings in November showed an excess of rising thirty ounces to the dozen loaves.

Package foods, so called, of every description by the law effective September 3, 1915, are now required to state the net weight of their contents on each package, an easy check within the reach of every housewife.

Commodities other than those outlined in this report will receive the attention of the Department at such time as re-weighings can be made without interfering with the public comfort and convenience.

Yours respectfully,

CALEB NICHOLS,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Cohasset, January 9, 1918.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Amount Expended on Streets as Follows

Pruning and Cutting Trees

Jerusalem Road	$48.42
Beechwood Street	32.60
Elm Street	73.12
South Main Street	79.48
North Main Street	41.10
Beach Street	22.10
Nichols Road	16.60
Border Street	11.23
Cushing Road	12.50
Highland Avenue	9.85
Ripley Road	8.67
Parker Avenue	9.37
Pond Street	8.40
King Street	15.90
Pleasant Street	8.99
Massachusetts State Highway, cutting tree, North Main Street	5.55
Osgood School grounds	5.55
Stockbridge Street	4.85
Sohier Street	5.55
Church Street	4.15
Doane Street	4.15
Short Street	2.78
Summer Street	3.40
Hull Street	2.78
Spring Street	2.75
Joy Place	2.08
	$441.92

GEORGE YOUNG.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Citizens of Cohasset:

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent.

Owing to the consolidation of the offices of the Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent, the work has progressed in a much more satisfactory manner, simplifying the work and making a substantial saving, thereby allowing more work to be done for the usual appropriations. The amounts paid various individuals for labor, etc., can be found itemized at the Town Accountant's office.

I submit the following locations of new trees planted, this year, together with cost:

15 trees, Ash Street	$8.33
9 trees, Short Street	5.55
9 trees, Cushing Road	5.56
8 trees, Beechwood Street	9.40
4 trees, Stockbridge Street	2.78
2 trees, Elm Street	1.39
2 trees, Summer Street	1.39
2 trees, Margin Street	3.12
1 tree, Ripley Road	1.39
1 tree, Border Street	1.39
53	$40.30

Staking and all other necessary work on all transplanted trees was attended to. Many dangerous trees have been cut down, and other work on the trees was done as far as the appropriation would permit. I do not recommend an increase in the appropriation this year, as the tax payers have all the tax burdens they should carry until the war ends. The appropriation of $800 could not be reduced without neglecting the care of our shade trees.

More interest is being taken in the suppression of the moth each year. (See Town Accountant's report for work done under "Private Liability.")

I am convinced by the orders for work to be done that I have already received, that next year's expenditures by private parties will far exceed this year's.

I have made savings in the Moth Department wherever practicable, allowing such amounts to be expended in labor which was most needed.

I caused the insurance, placed upon the moth wagons by my predecessor, Mr. Grassie, of $3000, which carried a very high premium, to be reduced to $2000, about the value of the present wagons. We have four wagons in all, two are practically worthless, one not being used for the past six or eight years; the other is of little value and is not used. I recommend the sale of these two wagons to save the expense of storage, etc. It is useless to keep them as a source to create repair bills.

The estimated value of stock and tools of the Tree Warden and Moth Departments on January 1, 1918, was $3000.

I have given my entire time to the Departments of which I have charge. I have received the appointment from the State of Moth Supervisor for 1918 and trust I shall again receive a majority of the votes of the citizens of Cohasset to elect me to the office of Tree Warden.

For the good of all the citizens of Cohasset, these two offices should be conducted as one.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE YOUNG.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

There have been reported to this Board the following cases of infectious and contagious diseases for 1917:

	Cases
Chicken pox	10
Diphtheria	3
German measles	1
Infection of the eye	2
Measles	60
Mumps	14
Scarlet fever	2
Tuberculosis	6
Typhoid fever	1
Dysentery	2

The Board considers James Brook a menace to the health of the Town and it will be so until an efficient sewage system is installed.

There has been a site selected in Braintree, Mass., to build a hospital upon, for consumptives, for the towns of Norfolk County. This hospital will be maintained by Norfolk County.

Dr. George Osgood having resigned from this Board and entered the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army, Dr. Frederick Hinchliffe was according to law elected to fill the vacancy for 1917-18.

We believe a thorough examination at frequent intervals of our school children should be made (in school) to discover infectious or contagious diseases, as it has proven the best way to check a spread of such diseases. The usual number of complaints have been reported and investigated.

The State has a Health Officer representing each district. Dr. Merrill E. Champion of Wollaston is our representative, who at all times has been of great assistance to this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN F. SNOW, *Chairman*,
IRVING F. SYLVESTER, *Secretary*,
FREDERICK HINCHLIFFE, M.D.

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In Account with Oliver H. Howe, Treasurer

Dr.

To Payments in 1917

For Books	$293.27
Investment of Funds	5,365.00
Commissions on Investment	3.13
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	5.00
Treasurer's Bond	2.50
Postage and Stationery	1.50
Support of Paul Pratt Memorial Library	418.13
Balance on Deposit January 1, 1918:	
Cohasset Savings Bank	29.96
New England Trust Co	469.52
	$6,588.01

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By Receipts in 1917

Balance on Deposit January 1, 1917	$665.28
Bequest of Horace W. Wadleigh	5,000.00
Income from Investments	785.07
Sale of Duplicate Books	123.00
Interest:	
Cohasset Savings Bank	1.14
New England Trust Co	13.52
	$6,588.01

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Schedule of Invested Funds.

Bonds

$2,000.00	N. Y. Central Lines, Equipment Trust 5s.
1,000.00	Massachusetts Gas Companies 4½s
3,000.00	American Telephone and Telegraph Collateral Trust 4s.
1,000.00	Minneapolis General Electric Co. 5s.
2,000.00	Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. 4s.
2,000.00	Ellicott Square Co. 1st mortgage 5s.
1,500.00	Western Telephone and Telegraph Co. 5s.
2,000.00	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. 5s.
1,000.00	Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. 1st mortgage 5s.
2,000.00	Butte Anaconda, & Pacific 5s.
2,000.00	United States Rubber Co. 5s.
500.00	Michigan State Telephone Co. 5s.
$20,000.00	

OLIVER H. HOWE,
Treasurer.

Cohasset, January 1, 1918.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. We have also examined the securities, in which the funds of the Library are invested, as shown by the foregoing schedule.

GEORGE W. COLLIER,
EDWARD NICHOLS,
Examining Committee.

Cohasset, January 5, 1918.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1918. The funds of the Library have been increased $4015.04. This amount was received from the Harriot E. Pratt bequest in the settlement of the James Longley estate, and has been invested in Liberty Bonds.

The indebtedness to the James Longley estate of $1100, incurred when the new stack rooms were added has been paid. The Library building has been painted inside and out. A new hot water heater is being installed to take the place of the worn out hot air heater.

The reports of the Treasurer and Librarian which are subjoined, give details of the work of the Library and of the cost of its maintenance.

CHARLES C. WHEELRIGHT, *President*,
FRED V. STANLEY, *Clerk*
WILLIAM R. COLE, *Treasurer*,
HARRY E. MAPES,
EDWARD NICHOLS,
GEORGE W. COLLIER,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
Board of Directors.

PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In Account with William R. Cole, *Treasurer*.

Dr.

To Payments for the Year 1917:		
For Librarians' and Janitor's Salaries...		$1,250 00
For wood and coal.....	$504 97	
For electric lighting.....	165 40	
		670 37
For books, magazines and binding.....		262 06
For repairs and maintenance.....		343 21
For rent of Beechwood Branch Library.		185 00
For printing and stationery.....	$63 97	
For insurance.....	251 80	
For telephone.....	20 84	
For postage and box rent.....	11 12	
For supplies.....	20 20	
For express, carting and other items....	33 67	
		401 60
For two loans to the Estate of James Longley.....		1,100 00
For U. S. Government Second Liberty Loan 4 per cent Bonds and accrued interest.....		4,008 34
		$8,220 58
Balance January 1, 1918, in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.....		1,592 22
		$9,812 80

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By receipts for the year 1917:		
Balance January 1, 1916, on deposit Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		959 33
From income from investments: Pepperell Manufacturing Co., dividends.....	$648 00	

From income from investments, Pepperell Manufacturing Co., extra dividends	$36 00	
From income from investments, Essex Co., dividends	99 00	
From income from investments, Essex Co., extra dividends	55 00	
From income from investments, Commonwealth Electric Co., coupons	100 00	
From income from investments, Roxford Knitting Co., coupons	50 00	
From income from investments, U. S. Government First Liberty Loan 3½ per cent interest, June 15 to November 15, 1917	43 75	
		$1,031 75
From Town of Cohasset, appropriation for Library		2,150 00
From income from unrestricted funds Cohasset Free Public Library		418 13
From returned insurance premiums		75 60
From fines, etc., at Libraries		125 74
From Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., interest		37 21
From Harriot Eustis Pratt Estate		4,015 04
From Roxford Knitting Co., bond on maturing August 1, 1917		1,000 00
		$9,812 80

WILLIAM R. COLE, *Treasurer.*

January 1, 1918.

We have examined the foregoing account for 1917 and find same correct, with proper vouchers for all disbursements of cash. We have also examined the securities in which the funds of the Library are invested.

OLIVER H. HOWE,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS,
Auditors.

Cohasset, January 12, 1918.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The following is a report of the work in the Library for the year ending December 31, 1917:

The Library has been open every library day in the year, with the exception of days for taking of inventory and legal holidays.

Gifts of books, magazines and weekly papers have been received from Messrs. J. S. Bigelow, W. A. Cheney, W. M. Dixon, E. P. Dutton, Mrs. H. K. Bartow, Mrs. R. F. Clark, Mrs. G. G. Crocker, Mrs. W. Shuebruk, Mrs. J. R. Thacher, Miss A. N. Keene, Doubleday & Page, Houghton, Mifflin Co., Cohasset Council No. 1676 Knights of Columbus, Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, Massachusetts Anti-Woman's Suffrage Association, Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R., State and Government.

REGISTRATION AND CIRCULATION

Population of Cohasset, 1915 census	2,800
Total registration from July, 1903, to December 31, 1917	3,389
Registration in force December 31, 1916	1,842
Registration for year 1917	174
	2,016
Registration cancelled 1917	48
Registration in force December 31, 1917 (Being 70 per cent of the population)	1,968
Library open, days	295
Books issued for home use	20,582
Average home use per diem	69.7
Average home use per inhabitant	7.3

CLASSIFICATION AND USE, INCLUDING BRANCH LIBRARY.

	Juvenile	*Adult*	*Total*
Philosophy and Religion	38	105	143
History and Biography	420	946	1366
Travel and Description	272	464	736
Literature and Poetry	332	470	802
Social Sciences	18	142	160
Natural Sciences	193	218	411
Arts, which include Music	155	472	627
Fiction	4904	9145	14,049
Magazines	372	1916	2288
	6704	13,878	20,582

REPORT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN'S READING FROM LISTS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1916, TO JULY, 1917.

Grade	*Children*	*Books*
Fourth	22	268
Fifth	27	318
Sixth	17	175
Seventh	23	322
Eighth	4	54
Totals	71	1137

Average 16.

During the year 138 books have been sent to the Nantasket Library, and 148 books to the Beechwood Branch Library.

ACCESSIONS

Number of volumes in Library December 31, 1916		15,576
Number added by purchase, 1917	503	
Number added by gift	238	
Number added by binding magazines, 1917	13	
		754
		16,330
Number withdrawn		40
Total number of volumes in library December 31, 1917		16,290

The total amount of money spent during the year for books has been $391.60.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH B. COLLIER,
Librarian.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

Cohasset, Mass., February 2, 1918.

To the Citizens of Cohasset:

Following is my report as Highway Surveyor for the past year. Realizing the unsettled financial conditions of the country your Highway Surveyor did not ask any increase in appropriation at the last annual meeting, the amount voted being the same as the previous year with an adjustment on account of the increased wage of labor and teams. All material in use by the Highway Department has increased in cost, Tarvia, which is one of the largest items of expense, having increased in cost to a considerable amount.

Nevertheless our roads and highways have come through the year in good condition. A certain amount of new road has been constructed and all others kept in proper condition by patching and ordinary repairing. Upwards of one thousand feet of new work was done on Pond Street from the point where the work terminated the previous year to nearly across the swamp near King Street. It will be possible to finish this road this year and we will have a good, substantial Tarvia road in excellent condition from end to end. The road was widened to 14 feet on a substantial foundation of field stone bound with small stone, the voids being filled with coarse gravel, about 1350 loads of stone and gravel being used on this job. The work was then given two coats of Tarvia.

King Street from the residence of Mr. Worrick to the foot of the hill at William C. Rogers' was widened and gravelled; two other places on this street were treated in a similar manner, also Sohier Street from King Street across the swamp, and the Beechwood end of Doan Street. Considerable work has been done to the various sidewalks in different parts of the Town, in many places it having been necessary to raise them several inches. It has probably been noticed that each year the

amount of concrete sidewalks in the center of the Town has increased. It will be good policy to continue this plan during the coming year, as the sidewalks are durable and the cost to the Town reasonable, since the abutter pays one-half the cost. The building of the sidewalk along North Main Street was continued to the ledge opposite Mr. Dolan's property. This ledge is drilled ready for blasting but before the sidewalk can be finished the Town must take a small strip of land from the property of Mrs. F. Field, as the Highway Commission will not allow any other proceeding.

The usual attention was given to the painting and repairing of the fences. Spring Street was widened at the first railroad crossing and a new piece of fence constructed. The wall at the Mill Bridge, the widening on the hill on Pleasant Street and the replanking of Cunningham's Bridge were covered by carefully drawn specifications and the work let out to contract, the results obtained being entirely satisfactory. The work near the Mill Bridge cost about five hundred dollars, but the bad conditions which have existed for some time have been remedied.

All property under the charge of the Highway Department has been kept in good condition and the crusher has been used to a considerable extent. A larger quantity of fine material has been crushed and used than formerly, as with the increased use of automobiles in the winter I find that ruts are formed and the surface of the roads wears off along these paths. This condition is caused by the ruts forming after a snow storm and all traffic following the same path, the roadway beneath is subjected to an unusual amount of wear.

In closing I would like to bring the following points to the attention of the citizens for their fair consideration. The work of the Highway Department of Cohasset is done along lines which experience has shown to be the best. Your Highway Surveyor is a member of the various associations of road builders which meet periodically throughout the State during the year, and he attends these meetings and studies the problems that are presented. All the best literature and lectures on road problems are available to him. He is in contact with the State Highway Commission and with other Highway

surveyors throughout the State. Moreover the firms who deal in road material such as Tarvia and road machinery maintain experts who advise and help in every problem which may come up. I mention these facts that no one may feel that our work in Cohasset is done in any isolated fashion or method, but rather that our problems and methods are those common to every town and city.

I would like also to point out that with the exception of possibly one and one-half miles, all our roads are covered with tar coating. There are very few towns which may with truth make this statement. Any comparison of our cost per mile under these conditions with a town of greater mileage which maintains a large percentage of dirt roads which receive little or no expenditure upon them, is an erroneous comparison. With the present price of Tarvia the amount used on the streets of Cohasset represents a large portion of the appropriation of the Highway Department. I will likewise mention the labor situation as it exists today in Cohasset as one of the difficulties to be overcome.

I feel sure that with the courtesy and co-operation of the citizens in the future as has been evidenced in the past in many instances, the Highway Surveyor may look forward to a year of successful accomplishment in spite of the many unusual difficulties presented by the war in which we are now participating.

My financial accounts follow:

ASSETS OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

One stone crusher and drills, one Farquhar steam boiler and steam drill	$1,250 00
One Buffalo steam roller	1,050 00
One iron Studebaker oil cart and spraying outfit	700 00
Two Abbot Dowing wooden oil carts and spraying outfit	350 00
Two watering carts	50 00

One watering cart with spreader	$550 00	
One iron leveler	25 00	
One street leveler	200 00	
Two snow plows	80 00	
Ten snow plows	200 00	
Two snow plows	60 00	
Two gutter plows	14 00	
One road machine	10 00	
One 100-gallon tar heating cart	40 00	
Two tool chests, chains, etc.	100 00	
Two barrels Tarvia X	16 00	
Four barrels Tarvia B	32 00	
Four tons soft coal	40 00	
Sixty tons broken stone	54 00	
	$4,821 00	
Amount of appropriation	22,000 00	
Credit for material, labor, etc	1,105 32	
		$23,105 32
Amount expended, including sidewalks, tarring and outside work	$23,099 93	
Balance to Treasury	5 39	
		$23,105 32

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Mrs. A. N. Milliken	$129 20
Mrs. Caroline Gay	33 60
Mr. C. H. Clifford	28 00
Mr. B. Preston Clark	123 90
Cohasset Improvement Association	5 10
Mrs. A. N. Milliken	203 80
Mr. C. V. Burrage	31 62
Standard Oil Co	4 20
Mr. Samuel L. Ayre	109 65
Mr. A. T. Bemis	10 54
Mr. Dudley S. Dean	19 20
Mr. Charles H. Cousens	18 50
George Jason	38 00
Mrs. Louise Richardson	21 08

Capt. Henry P. Pennell	$20 40	
Sinclair Refining Oil Co	67 20	
Mrs. T. B. Williams	44 80	
Mr. A. H. Bates	4 20	
Mrs. Ella L. Cabot	21 08	
M. A. L. Lincoln	21 08	
Mr. Edward McCormack	2 40	
George Jason	91 00	
Mrs. Francisco Pratt	12 00	
H. E. Fernald, M.D.	16 80	
Mr. William Clapp	5 00	
Mrs. Henry Knott	3 80	
Mr. John Flemming	3 39	
Mr. J. N. Willcutt	13 74	
Mr. A. E. Harding	2 04	
		$1,105 32

PAID OUT FOR LABOR, TEAM, SUPPLIES, ETC.

Percy T. Ford, labor	$75 20
William W. Bates, team	167 60
Harry W. Burbank, labor	104 90
Manuel Almeida, labor	230 60
George J. Mulhern, labor	34 80
John H. Kimball, labor	54 90
Peter J. Roony, labor	3 15
William T. Barnes, team	436 73
M. A. Burke, blacksmith	16 50
John T. Barnes, team	390 91
H. L. McMahon, team	541 00
Joseph F. Bandma, labor	115 00
T. H. Henry, labor	127 00
Ellery C. Bates, team	19 20
James A. Kennedy, labor	61 30
Bart Daley, painting and labor	259 40
J. W. Bates, team	72 18
Patrick O'Keefe, labor	15 60
Thomas O'Neil, labor	18 00

A. E. Grassie, labor and stock	$63 00
Adams Express, expressing	1 19
James Dalton, labor	9 60
Charles R. Jason, labor	45 60
John J. Silvia, labor	51 70
Paul Pratt, labor	32 40
William P. Arnold, labor	66 20
George Jason, team and stock	752 00
Mathew Heley, labor	57 40
Horace W. White, labor	84 00
John J. Grassie, labor	63 90
Joseph Silvia, labor	96 80
William Powers, labor	4 20
Samuel N. Thayer, labor and engineer	382 20
John Sweeny, labor	9 60
Charles F. Wilbur, labor	27 60
T. A. Stevens, team	132 85
T. L. Grassie, team	168 40
Ed. T. Reilly, labor	115 60
George W. Mealy, team	156 78
Ben. F. Morse, labor	77 40
C. L. Curtis, labor	146 30
Richard Manning, labor	2 40
Foster Cadose, labor	4 80
Daniel F. O'Brine, labor	124 20
Harry H. White, labor	51 80
Ira N. Pratt, team	151 55
Tower Bros. & Co., supplies	655 20
T. A. Tower, labor	418 20
Manuel Oliver, labor	101 00
Harry F. Tilden, team	312 43
Ephraim Snow, painting	26 60
Andrew Peterson, labor	4 80
John F. Smith, labor	349 55
J. W. Whitcomb, team and gravel	181 85
Joseph Breck & Son, supplies	17 00
Frank A. Pearson, labor	30 10
Caleb Lincoln, labor	4 80
Joseph Frates, labor	64 70

C. A. Mitchell, team	$162 00
W. P. Bates, labor	29 80
Melvin Thompson, labor	104 60
Thomas W. Whitcomb, team	98 60
Charles Williams, labor	23 10
N. I. Davis, labor	161 60
George F. Sargent, labor	90 60
Mrs. Ritha Leonard, stone and gravel	140 65
C. H. Gale, labor	123 90
J. A. MacDonald, blacksmithing	31 40
A. E. Taylor, labor	28 70
A. A. Davenport, team	244 94
Edward Morse, labor	54 95
Jesse T. Barnes, labor	316 40
A. E. Salvador, mason	189 20
Litchfield Express, expressing	10 35
Theo. Mathies, labor	100 30
Joseph E. Grassie, team	243 45
John M. Curtis, labor	54 60
John R. Bean, labor	43 50
A. H. Prouty, labor	73 00
J. J. Pratt, team	280 41
Ezekiel James, labor	3 25
Antone Figirrido, labor	7 20
David Souther, team and stone	100 30
George W. Morris, labor	60 80
William T. Tilden, storing wagons	105 00
Charles V. Barnes, repairing fences	20 00
Joseph F. Silvia, labor	54 60
C. W. Bates, team	52 80
Elmer E. Bates, team	23 80
Oliver H. Bates, team	47 60
A. S. Richardson, labor	72 65
S. Francis James, labor and stone	64 90
George W. White, labor	243 30
William P. Malley, blacksmithing	8 40
H. L. Willard, team	111 80
Elijah F. Lincoln, team	173 60
Antoine J. Silvia, labor	32 50

Albert A. Foster, labor	$109 20
Crucible Steel Co., steel	47 25
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., supplies	72 85
William J. Almirda, wood	5 50
Thomas J. Ayers, team	69 70
Frank J. Antoine, labor	23 80
John M. Pearson, labor	11 20
Harry O. Wood, labor	101 50
Ira Bates, labor and sand	171 10
James H. Morris, labor	58 80
Herbert W. Apts, team	149 60
Bernard W. Keefe, labor	86 80
Cohasset Home, stone	22 50
James A. Washington, labor	5 60
William H. Jason, labor	7 75
Cohasset Hardware Co., supplies	53 12
Joseph St. John, supplies	3 15
South Shore Garage, supplies	11 00
F. F. Martin, Jr., labor	14 00
Ed. T. Barnes, labor	51 28
Harry N. Marden, team	132 00
George W. Pratt, team	72 00
Cohasset Auto Garage, supplies	131 50
Ches. H. Stoughton, team	24 55
W. P. Whitcomb, labor	12 60
Ellery H. Litchfield, labor	25 20
A. J. Ferreira, labor	72 10
Sanford L. Damon, team	106 40
Rolf F. Hines, labor	33 60
Charles A. White, labor	70 00
Edgar J. Pratt, supplies	54 50
Rosco G. Pratt, labor	19 60
Harold L. Bond Co., supplies	28 00
New England Road Machine Co., supplies	35 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight	56 17
Joseph Morris, labor	60 20
South Shore Boat Co., supplies	224 10

Joseph Jason, painting	$142 10	
G. Hovey Dodge, wood	5 00	
William Pratt, agent	264 95	
John Beal, sand	3 75	
M. J. Sullivan, supplies,	30 65	
Joseph Curley, labor	3 15	
Thomas F. Kinsley, repairing fences	8 50	
Alexander S. Hiltz, supplies	6 70	
William J. Brennock, labor	5 60	
Frank J. Salvador, mason	8 93	
George P. Tower, painting	42 00	
John L. Sullivan, mason	515 00	
H. L. Brown, supplies	49 25	
Post Office Department, supplies	10 80	
Rufus James, labor	14 00	
M. P. Valine, building fences	22 65	
Old Colony Broken Stone Co., stone	165 23	
Puritan Iron Works, grates	98 00	
Albert Kane, labor	1 50	
Henry Davis, labor	4 80	
Edward Nichols, architect	7 00	
Thomas Keating, labor	8 40	
F. W. Brown, supplies	30	
George A. Silvia, labor	7 00	
Shawmut Chemical Co., supplies	15 00	
Henry A. Williams, team	19 20	
George Jason, wages	1,000 00	
		$16,247 22

TARVIA, TEAMING, LABOR, SUPPLIES, ETC.

Percy T. Ford, labor	$1 40
William W. Bates, team	4 80
Harry W. Burbank, labor	99 40
Manuel Almeida, labor	114 80
William T. Barnes, team	246 50
John T. Barnes, team	280 50
H. L. McMahon, team	192 00

Joseph F. Baudura, labor	$114 20
Thomas H. Henry, labor	14 00
H. E. Brennock, labor	2 80
Bart Daley, labor	39 20
Patrick O'Keefe, labor	65 80
John J. Silvia, labor	19 60
William P. Arnold, labor	39 20
George Jason, team	275 00
Horace W. White, labor	43 40
Joseph Silvia, labor	70 00
Samuel N. Thayer, labor	86 10
Thomas A. Stevens, team	26 00
T. L. Grassie, team	14 40
Edward T. Reilly, labor	11 20
George W. Mealy, team	20 40
C. L. Curtis, labor	117 25
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor	90 30
Harry H. White, labor	14 00
Ira N. Pratt, team	30 60
T. A. Tower, labor	130 20
Manuel Oliver, labor	19 60
H. F. Tilden, team	18 40
J. F. Smith, labor	128 80
J. W. Whitcomb, team and sand	56 70
F. A. Pearson, labor	29 40
Joseph Frates, labor	24 50
C. A. Mitchell, team	32 40
W. P. Bates, labor	9 80
Melvin Thompson, labor	64 40
T. W. Whitcomb, team	9 60
N. I. Davis, labor	126 00
George F. Sargent, labor	39 20
A. E. Taylor, labor	9 80
A. A. Davenport, team	68 25
Edward Morse, labor	9 80
Jesse T. Barnes, labor	85 40
Theo. Mathias, labor	23 80
J. E. Grassie, team	184 40
J. M. Curtis, labor	18 20

J. J. Pratt, team	$106 60	
J. F. Silvia, labor	116 90	
Ed. W. Bates, team	7 50	
C. W. Bates, team	22 00	
E. E. Bates, team	74 80	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., damage	23 00	
W. S. Richardson, labor	30 80	
George W. White, labor	150 00	
E. L. Lincoln, team	33 60	
T. J. Ayers, team	95 20	
H. O. Wood, labor	8 40	
Ira Bates, labor	2 00	
H. W. Apts, team	32 40	
F. F. Martin, Jr., labor	12 60	
Ed. T. Barnes, labor	46 90	
H. N. Marden, team	32 40	
Walter Whitcomb, labor	11 20	
A. J. Ferreira, labor	23 80	
S. L. Damon, team	33 60	
C. A. White, labor	19 60	
Joseph Morris, labor	19 60	
M. J. Sullivan, supplies	30 75	
Independent Coal Tar Co., tar	110 56	
Stephen J. Grassie, labor	2 80	
Westry Laney, labor	58 80	
Cohasset Supply Co., supplies	3 18	
Barrett Mfg. Co., Tarvia	2,582 22	
H. A. Williams, team	21 60	
Wesley C. Poole, use of auto	1 00	
Aaron Pratt, labor	2 40	
M. Manning, damage to clothes	15 00	
		$6,852 71
Total amount expended		$23,099 93
Balance to Treasury		5 39
		$23,105 32

SUMMARY BY STREETS

Including cleaning gutters, building, repairing and painting fences, graveling, sanding, Tarving, building new catch basins, repairing wall at Mill Bridge, etc.

Pond Street	$14	80
King Street	10	96
Sohier Street	1	15
Smith Place	3	10
Cushing Road and Short Street	5	50
Beach Street	5	50
Elm Court		75
Elm Street	7	80
Margin Street	7	00
Nicholas Road	5	20
Atlantic Avenue	11	50
Spring Street	4	50
Beechwood and Church Streets	16	70
Doane Street	7	25
Parker Avenue	2	80
Stockbridge Street	1	40
Border Street	12	69
Summer Street	6	40
South Main Street	7	00
Brook and three short streets across Common	1	45
Oak and Ash Streets	3	50
Highland Avenue	1	20
Forest Avenue	9	00
North Main Street	3	00
Depot Avenue	3	50
Ripley Road	3	70
Jerusalem Road and Hull Street	14	90
Norfolk Road	1	00
Pleasant Street	3	00
		$18,225 00

Cost of labor, material, etc., outside....	$1,105 32
Supplies other than Tarvia, stone, etc..	2,769 61
George Jason, wages.....	1,000 00
	$23,099 93

SNOW ACCOUNT, LABOR, TEAMS, ETC.

William W. Bates, team and labor.....	$16 03
George J. Mulhern, labor.....	15 30
John H. Kimball, labor.....	20 20
William T. Barnes, men and team.....	98 50
M. A. Burke, blacksmith.....	3 00
John T. Barnes, men and teams.....	84 50
H. L. McMahon, team.....	68 10
Joseph F. Bandura, labor.....	9 80
Thomas H. Henry, labor.....	8 40
James A. Kennedy, labor.....	16 30
Bart Daley, labor and team.....	19 00
John W. Bates, labor and team.....	11 85
Thomas O'Neil, labor.....	2 40
Charles R. Jason, labor.....	26 10
John J. Silvia, labor.....	3 30
William P. Arnold, labor.....	1 50
George Jason, men and team.....	113 10
Horace W. White, labor.....	12 60
John J. Grassie, labor.....	40 50
Joseph Silvia, labor.....	1 80
D. D. Desmond, labor.....	1 75
William Powers, labor.....	3 15
Samuel N. Thayer, labor.....	6 30
John Sweeny, labor.....	24 00
Charles F. Wilbur, labor.....	6 30
T. A. Stevens, men and team.....	73 90
Edward T. Reilly, labor.....	16 55
Benjamin F. Morse, labor.....	14 00
Charles L. Curtis, labor.....	5 10
Richard Manning, labor.....	16 80

Foster Cadose, labor	$20 35
Daniel F. O'Brine, labor	28 85
Harry H. White, labor	4 20
Ira N. Pratt, men and team	69 13
T. A. Tower, labor	59 05
H. F. Tilden, men and team	94 35
Andrew Peterson, labor	1 75
John F. Smith, labor	51 00
J. W. Whitcomb, labor	21 48
W. P. Bates, labor	11 85
George F. Sargent, labor	10 40
Carlos A. Tangier, labor	2 80
Harry C. Bates, labor	8 00
A. A. Davenport, men and team	66 46
Jesse T. Barnes, labor	18 90
Joseph E. Grassie, labor	4 20
John R. Bean, labor	3 45
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	19 20
Ezekiel James, labor	2 10
Antoine Figerreido, labor	5 60
J. F. Silvia, labor	3 00
Edwin W. Bates, men and team	52 15
Lott E. Bates, men and team	24 00
Samuel F. James, labor	2 70
William P. Malley, blacksmithing	11 10
Henry L. Willard, team	155 70
A. J. Silvia, labor	14 90
A. A. Foster, labor	2 40
Thomas J. Ayers, labor	4 03
John Ayers, labor	1 05
Frank P. Ayers, labor	4 03
F. J. Antoine, labor	4 50
J. M. Pearson, labor	6 60
Harry O. Wood, labor	11 10
Ira Bates, labor	3 33
Frank Martin, Jr., labor	15 10
Edward T. Barnes, labor	1 05
Paul Ayres, labor	3 50
William Ayers, labor	3 50

David Ayers, labor	$3 50
Walter P. Whitcomb, labor	5 73
A. F. Ferreira, labor	1 80
John J. Ferreira, labor	1 80
Sandford L. Damon, labor	5 15
Joseph Morris, labor	2 28
William Pratt, agent, insurance	36 41
Benjamin Culey, labor	3 00
Joseph Curley, labor	3 00
F. J. Salvador, labor	5 10
Rufus James, labor	2 10
Stephen J. Grassie, labor	7 80
Donald James, labor	1 40
F. E. Jason, labor	16 05
Joseph Ferreira, labor	21 40
Theo. McSweeny, labor	5 90
Fred Sullivan, labor	8 10
P. S. Tilden, labor	1 80
H. N. Pratt, labor	2 70
George Stoddard, labor	90
Clarence Silvia, labor	5 40
Bernard Kennedy, labor	12 70
George Sullivan, labor	15 95
C. H. Pratt, labor	8 70
Edwin P. Bates, labor	9 30
William McNamarra, labor	3 75
A. McLean, labor	3 30
Clarence Studley, labor	2 25
James H. Davis, labor	10 15
John James, labor	11 18
George Damon, labor	3 15
John Rooney, labor	6 75
Walter E. McGrath, labor	5 05
Daniel DeMel ow, labor	1 50
E. P. Sidney, labor	1 80
Daniel McSweeny, labor	10 65
Arthur Jocome, labor	8 01
Charles McAuliffe, labor	3 45
Patrick Grassie, labor	3 00

J. A. Antoine, labor	$3	60
Dennis Golden, labor	7	30
James Golden, labor	4	68
Harold Studley, labor	4	83
Arthur Studley, labor	9	20
John L. Jason, labor	9	10
J. J. Mulchay, labor	9	80
A. J. Antoine, Jr., labor	6	03
M. Joseph Sullivan, labor	6	00
Frank S. Frates, labor	8	10
William H. Bates, labor	2	40
P. J. Whittemore, labor	4	20
Clifford Studley, labor	1	65
M. H. Donovan, labor	2	40
Cornelius Desmond, labor	12	48
F. C. Blossom, labor	3	60
John Poland, labor		90
John Kane, labor	4	20
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	9	10
Fred. C. Higgins, labor	1	50
Francis X. Valine, labor	2	70
Harlan P. Briggs, labor	1	20
J. L. Munnis, labor	1	20
Robert Stevens, labor	1	50
George Dyment, labor	1	50
Charles Dyment, labor	1	50
J. L. Leonard, labor	3	90
William Sidney, labor	1	80
Anthony Sidney, labor	3	15
Fitzpatrick & Happney, two new plows	56	75
Alexander McKenzie, labor	2	10
John Eltman, labor	1	75
A. J. Bandura, labor	4	20
Levi Cadose, labor	3	50
Louis Figirreido, labor	2	80
Antoine Figirreido, labor	2	10
Rufus A. Bates, labor	1	05
Alfred Daley, labor	3	15
Anthony Oliver, labor	4	90
		$2,061 17

Special appropriation on Pleasant Street		$600 00
Paid Spencer H. Stoughton, contract...	$263 00	
Spencer H. Stoughton, extra on catch basins and concrete gutter.....	225 00	
Mrs. Percival W. Sessions, land damages.....	50 00	
Edward Nichols, specification.....	7 00	
A. E. Salvador, labor.....	5 20	
T. A. Tower, labor.....	2 80	
Joseph Silvia, labor.....	2 80	
Litchfield Express.....	1 00	
George Jason, team.....	4 00	
Balance to Treasury.....	39 20	
		$600 00
Special Appropriation on Cunningham Bridge.....		$1,500 00
Paid Litchfield Lincoln & Co.....	$1,493 00	
Edward Nichols.....	7 00	
		$1,500 00
Special appropriation for scarifier.....		$650 00
Paid J. D. Adams & Co., Indianapolis, one Road King grader with attachments.....	$542 00	
Balance to Treasury.....	108 00	
		$650 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JASON,
Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The unpaid bills against this department at the beginning of 1917 were $1137.52, and at the close of the year they are $184.86, showing a decrease of $952.35.

The insurance on the Cohasset Home was renewed at a cost of $425.

Dr. Frederick Hinchliffe was appointed Town Physician.

The services rendered by Miss Agnes Weir as district nurse have been of general benefit to our community and the Board recommends the continuance of her services and the payment by the Town of $300 toward her wages.

The cost of maintenance of the Cohasset Home shows an increase due to the higher cost of food and materials.

The usual good care of the residents of the Home by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pinkham has continued, and the Overseers always find the affairs in a very satisfactory condition. A good supply of vegetables was raised on the farm. A new cow was purchased during the summer, to replace one which was sold on account of old age and having passed usefulness.

The outside assistance rendered during the year shows a decrease of $273.12 over last year. Several have been helped to secure work, thereby enabling them to earn their own living.

The Board recommends the appropriation of $7500 for 1918.

DARIUS W. GILBERT,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
HARRY E. MAPES,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1917

George Jason, Jr. . . . . Term expires in March, 1918
Walter Shuebruk . . . . . Term expires in March, 1918
Thomas L. Stevens . . . . . Term expires in March, 1919
Dean K. James . . . . . Term expires in March, 1919
Gilbert N. Tower . . . . . Term expires in March, 1920
Anselm L. Beal . . . . . Term expires in March, 1920

Organization

George Jason, Jr . . . . . Chairman
Anselm L. Beal . . . . . Treasurer

Regular Meetings

First Monday of each month at 7.45 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the School Committee

Stanley C. Lary, telephone 304-W.

Office of the Superintendent

Osgood School, telephone 349-W.

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8.30 to 12, and from 1 to 4.30. The Superintendent's office hours are from 8.30 to 9, and 3 to 4.30 on each school day.

School Physician

Oliver H. Howe, M.D., telephone 14.

School Nurse

Miss Agnes Weir, telephone 250.

Attendance Officer

Thomas L. Bates, telephones, residence 305 and office 372-W.

School Calendar, 1917-1918

Fall term opens September 10, closes December 21. Winter term, first half opens January 7, closes February 15; second half opens February 25, closes April 12. Spring term opens April 22, closes June 19. Fall term opens September 9, 1918.

No-School Signal

Instead of the customary fire-alarm signal, the electric street lights will be used. The current will be on five minutes, 7.30 to 7.35, sessions suspended for Grades 1 to 8, inclusive. 7.45 to 7.50, sessions suspended for all schools.

Supervisors and Teachers, 1917-1918

Supervisor:

Mrs. Edward L. Stevens — Music (1913).

Teachers:

Minnie E. Bigelow — Commercial Subjects. Grades 9 to 13 (1902).

Marion C. Chandler — Modern Languages. Grades 8 to 13 (1910).

Vida Dunbar — English, Foreign Language. Grades 9 to 13 (1918).

Martelle E. Giles — Commercial Subjects. Grades 9 to 13 (1917).

Beatrice W. Jardine — Home Economics. Grades 7 to 13 (1916).

Fred Chandler — Manual Training. Grades 7 to 13 (1917).

Lloyd F. Stair — Mechanical Drawing. Grades 7 to 13 (1916).

Martha P. Bates — History. Grades 5 to 8 (1880).

Florence E. Kraus — Drawing. Grades 1 to 13 (1914).

Genevra L. McCaw — Reading and Spelling. Grades 5 to 10 (1916).

Theo Wilson — Arithmetic. Grades 5 to 8 (1915).

Rosa C. Gushee — Geography and Penmanship (1917).

Elizabeth Hammond — Language, Composition. Grades 5 to 8 (1917).

June Simmons — Grade 4 (1915).

Elaine Wing — Grade 3 (1916).
Ruth P. Forbes — Grade 2 (1917).
Sarah E. Fox — Grade 1 (1883).
Esther Plaisted — Assistant (1916).
Kathleen McMahon — Kindergarten (1915).
Clara Josselyn — Beechwood, Primary (1917).
Lot W. Bates — Unassigned Assistant.

(The date in parentheses indicates the year when service began in Cohasset.)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The past school year has been one of co-operation and accomplishment. For some years past there has been an insistent demand for a kindergarten. At various times the School Committee has considered this demand but deemed it impossible until an addition was made to the school plant.

The room on the second floor of the Bates Building has always been considered a possibility, but while this building was controlled by a board of trustees, it was impossible to spend money raised for school purposes in making the needed alterations to conform with the demands of the State as regard school buildings.

Early in the fall of 1918 the Selectmen, Trustees of the Bates Building, Town Counsel and School Committee at a meeting discussed the advisability of transferring this property to the Town as a piece of school property in order that there should be no question as to the legality of the work of the School Committee. It was finally agreed that the transfer should be made, and the proper legal steps were taken to place the property in the hands of the School Committee, pending final action by the citizens at the Annual March Meeting.

An article covering this transfer has been placed in the Town Warrant and favorable action by the voters means that the building will become an integral part of the school plant.

The citizens should remember that the money used to acquire the property some years ago was raised by organizations and citizens of the community and that the present act of taking over the property was contemplated when the property was purchased.

Last spring the School Committee discussed the coal situation, and a sub-committee made a thorough investigation.

It reported a probable scarcity of coal, and advised the purchase of a year's supply. The School Committee voted to do this, and built auxiliary bins at the Osgood School.

The Committee does not wish to appear boastful, but con-

sidering the school situation in other communities in the State, it can only take a just pride in the fact that owing to its foresight the schools have been in continuous session except for the regular vacation.

The Committee regrets to report the resignation of Sheldon N. Ripley as a member of the Board. Mr. Ripley was elected to the Board three years ago. He has been a valuable and efficient member, much of his term serving as Secretary.

Transportation costs have increased this year. Barge contractors have felt the increase in cost of feeds and have consequently increased their charges.

Again, the discontinuation of trains has compelled the Committee to place a barge on the North Cohasset route, which has made a material increase in expense.

Draft rejection of many young men, because of poor teeth, led the Committee to a discussion of the advisability of appointing a school dentist. Should a bill which is now before the legislature authorizing towns to appoint school dentists pass, the Committee will undoubtedly take favorable action.

Certainly it is a matter which should receive immediate attention.

The Committee wishes to urge on the citizen the importance of maintaining the high standards already set in our schools.

With the general increase in the cost of living, salaries must necessarily increase, and if we are to obtain and retain competent teachers we must pay good salaries.

Many occupations are now paying wages which make the wages of a school teacher look insignificant, and it is essential that consistent increases be made in order that our school may not suffer.

Estimate of Amount Which Will be Required for the Current Year

General expense:	
Expenses of School Committee, salaries and expenses of Superintendent	$1,500.00
Expenses of instruction:	
Supervisors' and Teachers' salaries	20,500.00
Textbooks	800.00

Supplies and stationery	$2,500.00
Operating expenses:	
Janitors	1,400.00
Fuel	1,500.00
Electric light and power	700.00
Maintenance:	
Repairs and replacements	1,800.00
Auxiliary agencies:	
Libraries, health, etc	150.00
Miscellaneous expenses:	
Tuition, etc	600.00
Outlay:	
New equipment	1,500.00
Transportation	6,000.00
Total	$38,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. STEVENS,
GEORGE JASON, JR., *Chairman*,
ANSELM L. BEAL, *Treasurer*,
GILBERT N. TOWER,
DEAN K. JAMES,
WALTER SHUEBRUK.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Cohasset:

I submit herewith my fifth Annual Report, which is the thirtieth in the series of Annual Reports of Superintendents of the Cohasset Public Schools.

In my reports for the past four years, I have discussed in detail the changes which have taken place in the organization and curriculum of our schools, and have stated as clearly as possible the reasons underlying and justifying these changes.

As organized today, the Cohasset schools offer a rich, full and varied program of studies. Since the reorganization, in 1914, many refinements and adjustments have been made, and, especially during the past year, attention has been given to co-ordinating the work already set up.

Aside from a woeful lack of attention to the physical side of education, which is general, and not local, I think we may say without boasting that we are now offering to our boys and girls educational opportunities on a par with the best to be found in suburban communities.

In this report I wish to give a very brief summary of the content and aims of the work which now obtains in our schools.

The Elementary Schools

Reading in the Lower Grades

In the lower grades the Aldine method is still used, and the Aldine readers are used as the basic texts. A wealth of the supplementary reading material has also been provided for the use of these grades. The teachers are thoroughly familiar with the method, and also with the best practices in reading, and constantly vary their work, in order to maintain interest. Dramatization, story telling and other activities are a part of the daily program.

Reading in the Upper Grades

Beginning with grade five, the schools are organized on a departmental basis. The reading in grades five to eight inclusive, is in charge of one teacher, professionally trained for the work. Good basic texts are in use, but suitable supplementary material for reading in these grades is not easily obtainable, as much of it is copyrighted. In these grades strict attention is given to thought content as well as expression, in order that pupils may not become mere "word callers."

Spelling

Within the last decade interesting and instructive investigations and experiments have been made in this time-honored subject. Word lists have been devised and gradations made as regards difficulty. In this way the number of words which the pupil is expected to spell correctly is materially reduced, and the words themselves are in keeping with the pupil's natural vocabulary.

Again, much that is of value as regards the learning process has been made accessible to teachers. The importance and relation of punctuation, meaning, etc., has been brought out also the superiority of short, frequent periods over the longer and less frequent ones, and finally, the importance of systematic reviews and standards. All these things have been constantly before us as teachers, and the results have been satisfactory.

Handwriting

Systematic instruction is given in writing, from first to eight grades, inclusive. In the primary grades the subject is taught by the grade teacher; in grades five to eight, inclusive, by a teacher especially fitted for the work. Excellent standards are set and maintained.

Composition and Grammar

These two subjects are inseparably linked together. Composition involves the development and organization of ideas. Formal grammar should be taught only as it functions as a

part of composition. The texts used in the elementary schools are based on this principal. Oral and written expression dealing with personal experiences of the child, the use of models in so far as they do not stifle the free play of the pupil's own ideas, the use of standards, and competitive activities are emphasized in all our work.

Household Arts

This course, while not so extensive as that found in city systems, is comparable with the best to be found in smaller communities. Full courses of cooking and sewing run through four full years, grades seven to ten, inclusive. In addition to this there is correlated work in design taught by the instructor in fine art. These courses have proved themselves to be of immense value in teaching the girls the fundamentals of good home-making. The aim of the courses is to give both general education as well as technical skill.

Arithmetic

The problem of teaching arithmetic is not a complex one. One of the oldest subjects in the curriculum, as well as one of the most important, it has received its full share of work, and attention of educational investigators. Excellent texts are available, and excellent methods of teaching have been evolved and standardized. Our schools are well equipped with excellent texts, and as in the other subjects beginning with the fifth grade the work is in charge of a teacher especially fitted for it.

Industrial Arts for Boys

This course, like the parallel one for girls in Household Arts, runs through four school years, beginning in the seventh grade and extending through the tenth. The content of the course is mainly wood-working, mechanical drawing, with some printing. Through a series of graded models, the boys are taught the fundamental practices of the wood-working trades. No attempt is made to give vocational training, but through the work a boy may discover his aptitude or bent, which should

lead him to a vocational school. The mechanical drawing is closely correlated with the shop work, and has already proved itself of value to those boys who have graduated from the school and are now engaged in the war industries.

Fine Art and Music

The content and aim of these courses will be found in the special reports of the instructors of these subjects.

Science — Nature Study and Hygiene

This course is a combination of Nature Study and Hygiene. Formerly these subjects were given a separate place in the curriculum, but the addition of the Practical Arts courses required curtailment at some point, and it seemed expedient at least to combine these two subjects. Careful study of the material to be used has been made, and the courses as now outlined and taught, are giving gratifying results.

Geography

During the last decade there has been a vast improvement, not only in the methods of teaching geography, but in the selection of material to be studied. Chief among these are (1) the introduction to home geography, (2) the substitution of descriptive matter in the place of memorizing names and places, (3) the recognition of cause and effect.

By means of home geography the child is led from the known to the unknown, from concrete information which he can gather first-hand to the study of lands and peoples far removed, and which he otherwise would be unable to appreciate. Growing out of home geography, the pupil gradually comes to the comprehension of the world as a whole, through the study of the social side of life, especially the activities of children. An abundance of descriptive material is used in supplementary reading.

History and Civics

The course in history in the elementary school is continuous and carefully correlated. In the early grades much use

is made of concrete material in the form of story or simple description, and care is taken that the material is within the range of the pupil's experience. Before taking up a detailed study of American history in grades seven and eight, especial attention is given to what is termed the "European Background to American History."

The study of industry, society and peaceful arts takes precedence over the history of wars, which are studied more because of their casual relationships. Careful attention is taken to see that the geographical environment of historical facts is understood, in order that the child may get a true perspective. Here, as in geography, a great deal of collateral reading is introduced.

The study of civics has come to occupy a very prominent place in the curriculum. It is an outgrowth of the tendency in all our work to take into account the social background.

Instead of attempting to learn the cold facts of politics and government, attention is given to acquainting the pupil with his own social environment, and government is taught as it functions as a part of the life of society, and the aim is fitting for the duties of citizenship. By a thorough study of the institutions of the community in which he lives, he is led to a clearer understanding of those of the State and Nation.

If any form of government needs civic efficiency backed by a clear understanding of the meaning of democracy and the nature of civic duty, it is certainly ours, for herein lies our safety in the years to come.

Agriculture

Agriculture is not taught in the regular curriculum, but as a supplementary study during the summer months. During the summer of 1916-17 a supervisor of agriculture was engaged by the School Committee. The work was carefully organized and carried on in a thorough manner. Boys' and girls' clubs of various kinds were organized as a part of the State movement, which is directed by the Agricultural College at Amherst. At the fall exhibition many of our boys and girls won State prizes. Recently a poultry club was formed, and the work is progressing very satisfactorily. If it is possible to secure an instructor thi

work should be carried on more extensively during the coming summer.

Kindergarten

At the time of the reorganization of the schools in 1914 a kindergarten was proposed, but as no suitable place was available the organization of this school was postponed. With the acquisition of the Bates Building, the matter was again brought forward and favorably acted upon by the School Committee. For various reasons it was impossible to establish it in its permanent home at the beginning of the school year. It opened in the fall at the Town Hall, but owing to the acuteness of the coal situation, it was later moved to the hall of the Portuguese Benevolent Society. During the Christmas recess and the first two weeks of the new year, alterations exacted by the State were made in the Bates Building and the school is now established in a permanent home.

Many mistaken notions are held concerning the aim, work and value of the kindergarten. Properly organized and conducted, no part of our educational ladder is more important than the kindergarten and surely none has a sounder basis in theory and practice. The successful teacher should be thoroughly grounded in child study. She should know the history of the development of the kindergarten, its theory and methods, and be able to apply her knowledge in directing into the right channels the native and spontaneous impulses of children. The play instinct, the impulse to transform, constructiveness, the impulse to learn from others, imitation, these and other general native tendencies, must be recognized and directed.

Again the kindergarten should not be considered a thing apart from the cycle of school training. The true kindergarten will provide such an environment as will arouse and start in the right path all these activities which ought to prove valuable in later education.

The Secondary School

As the schools are at present organized, there is no distinct line between the elementary and the secondary school, but the former shades gradually into the latter.

The Practical Arts course begins in the seventh grade and

extends through the first two years of High School. College preparation begins with the study of French and elementary science in the eighth grade.

The teacher of reading in the elementary grades teaches English in grades nine and ten corresponding to the first two years of High School. The instructor of modern languages in the High School teaches French in grade eight. In this way elementary and secondary education are closely linked.

As outlined in previous reports, three opportunities are now offered to pupils: (1) College preparation, (2) education for commercial pursuits, (3) education in household arts for girls and prevocational training for boys.

With the close of the school year 1917, the school cycle was reduced from 13 to 12 years.

The Needs of the Schools

(1) Supervised physical training.

(2) More class rooms, with quarters for the practical arts work and a gymnasium.

With these additions the public schools of Cohasset would possess a curriculum and equipment on a par with the best to be found.

Conclusion

Cohasset wishes to have good schools. This is evidenced in many ways. Support is never lacking where there is a clear vision of the things to be accomplished for the betterment of educational opportunities.

Generous, open-minded, wishing to co-operate and assist in a work, the importance of which to State and individual cannot be overestimated, the School Committee has never failed to vote for the best. Such support brings out the best in those actively engaged in the work of the schools. All are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. LARY,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stanley C. Lary,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: I submit for your approval my report for 1917.

The plan in regard to the music in the Osgood School is based upon the method which is today taking precedence in the public schools of the country, and as the books in use wear out and need to be renewed, they are replaced by new books of the Progressive Music Series.

Believing that music is one of life's greatest blessings, and that the love of music is inherent in every individual, it is my earnest endeavor to make it such a vital and happy part of the school work that every pupil may wish to add to his musical knowledge in after life.

In the lower grades all the songs possible are taught, filling the child's mind with a store of melodies and verses about everything that appeals to his interest or imagination, action-songs and singing-games adding to the enjoyment and unconsciously helping to establish rhythm and expression.

Sight singing is begun in the second grade and key and time signatures fully understood at the end of the fourth grade.

Fifth grade work includes two-part singing with increasingly difficult music, both as to rhythm and tone intervals, through the eighth grade, when three-part music — introducing the bass clef to the changing voices of the boys — is studied.

The music in the High School is chorus work, and with the variety of material to draw upon, pupils and teachers alike find pleasure in taking up new music and learning to appreciate well-known songs all the better for intelligent understanding.

The three grades of the Beechwood School are taught so that the pupils entering the fourth grade of the Osgood School are prepared to take up the work readily.

I wish to again express my appreciation of your unfailing interest and assistance in my work.

Yours respectfully,

KATHERINE D. STEVENS.

REPORT OF DRAWING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stanley C. Lary,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: I submit for your consideration and approval my fourth annual report.

Each year brings to the Drawing Department new incentives and higher ideals, so that our work has become even more interesting and the results are very encouraging. Drawing, as a subject of study in the public schools, has come to be recognized as one of importance. Its real object is not to make artists or near-artists of the pupils. Comparatively few ever become proficient in this line, but most of us have need almost daily of a knowledge of the principles involved in the usual school drawing course. The object is to teach these principles to the average pupil under average conditions, and to give him the ability to apply them in any field of activity. Drawing has a cultural value aside from the commercial one, in that it teaches discrimination and good taste in the selection of colors and designs in personal attire, and in rugs, wall paper, draperies, and furniture, together with ideas concerning the proper arrangement of these furnishings within the home. Drawing thus helps in the establishment of that restful, peaceful, atmosphere that means so much in the culture, refinement, and joy of the occupants of the home.

With these worthy ideals constantly before us, we have endeavored to correlate the drawing with the work of the sewing and woodwork departments in such a way as to be of real value to the future home builders of Cohasset. Problems in home furnishing are designed by the pupils and are then worked out in these departments.

Our usual exhibition was held in June at the Bates Building, giving a necessarily limited review of the year's work.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of your encouragement and co-operation toward the work of the Drawing Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE E. KRAUS.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

The most important new work undertaken the past year has been the systematic examination of the pupils' teeth. Without attempting an exhaustive search, such as a dentist would make, I have noted obvious defects and have notified the parents in each case, with the request that the teeth should receive treatment. Several parents have thanked me for calling the matter to their attention and have expressed a willingness to provide the necessary treatment. I have supplemented the examination by brief talks on the teeth to the pupils in each schoolroom.

In the Osgood and Beechwood Schools, 446 pupils were examined and only 107 (about 24 per cent) were found to have sound teeth. The High School made the best showing with 45 per cent of good teeth, while in two grades, only one pupil in each room was found to have teeth free from defects.

Many parents fail to realize that the first teeth of the permanent set appear as early as the sixth year. As these are back teeth, they do not attract attention, and unfortunately they frequently become decayed beyond recovery before the parents know they are there. As a matter of fact, several pupils in the first grade at ages of six or seven showed marked decay of these "six year molars." Children's teeth should be watched with the greatest care from five years old and upward. Even before the age of five, dental supervision of the temporary set will often aid in the proper development of the jaw and cause the permanent set to come more evenly. By such means one can hope to avoid tedious and expensive methods of straightening the front teeth.

I shall soon make another examination and hope to record marked improvement. We are reminded every day that "food will win the war," but the army authorities very wisely refuse to accept men with bad teeth, knowing that they will not make effective soldiers. The same conditions apply to civil life and we must see to it that our children are not handicapped in their lifework by bad teeth and resulting invalidism.

I thank the Committee, the Superintendent, the teachers, and the school nurse for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER H. HOWE, M. D.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Statistics for the Year Ending June 15, 1917

Table I

Beechwood Schools:				
Grades I, II, III,	21.	19.	17.6	92.6
Osgood School:				
	Enrollment	*Average Membership*	*Average Attendance*	*Per cent of Attendance*
Grade I,	48.	41.6	36.9	85.
II,	46.2	45.5	40.8	91.
III,	41.	38.	34.9	92.
IV,	45.	43.	40.3	91.4
V,	50.	48.6	45.5	93.
VI A,	26.	24.5	22.	94.
VI B,	48.	40.2	37.07	92.
VII,	41.	39.3	36.6	93.
VIII,	38.	36.8	33.7	90.5
IX,	35.	34.5	31.5	91.4
X,	32.	28.9	26.4	91.06
XI,	24.	23.8	21.3	88.
XII,	16.	16.	14.7	91.
XIII,	19.	18.8	16.6	87.

Enrollment of Grades

Table II

	Oct. 1916	*Oct. 1917*
Beechwood Schools:		
Grades I, II, III	17	21
Osgood School:		
Grade I	46	41
II	45	48
III	37	47
IV	47	48
V	49	38
VI A	27	36
VI B	49	29
VII	40	41
VIII	38	35
IX	35	30
X	30	26
XI	25	27
XII	16	21
*XIII	19	
Kindergarten (established 1917)		33
Total	520	521

*Eliminated at close of school year 1916-17.

Statistical Returns Made to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Population, State census, 1915,	2800
Valuation as of April 1, 1916,	$9,880,199

Teaching Staff

Supervisors (part time),	1
Principal,	1
Teachers,	19
Pupils enrolled,	551
Aggregate attendance,	90,564
Average daily attendance,	496
Average number of days in session,	183
Average membership,	523

Registration of Minors

Persons, 5 to 7 years,	94
Persons, 7 to 14 years,	325
Persons, 14 to 16 years,	81
Illiterate minors,	3

Valuation and Expenditures

Valuation of 1916 per pupil in average membership, year ending June 30, 1917,	$18,891
Rank,	22
Expenditure per $1000 valuation for school support from local taxation, year ending December 31, 1916,	$3.48
Rank,	314